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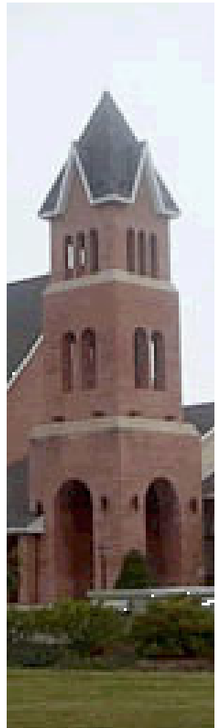
November 29, 2026
Traditional Service

“THE LIGHT STILL SHINES: ”WHEN EVERYTHING FEELS DARK”

ISAIAH 9:2; JOHN 1:4-5



Welcome! We are grateful you have joined us for worship today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a longtime member, we pray you feel at home and experience God’s love among us.



Traditional Worship Service

P**RELUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Elise Sweger

LIGHTING THE CANDLES / RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Come to the Light” Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When darkness surrounds us, and hope seems far away, where shall we turn?

P: We turn to the Lord, whose light shines in the darkness!

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light!

P: Christ is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it!

L: Come, let us worship the God who brings hope into our darkness.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to receive the light of Christ!

HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” UMH 203

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORDS PRAYER (DEBTORS)

HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 1-4) UMH 211

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Elise Sweger

Doxology “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SCRIPTURE Pages 489 / 750 Isaiah 4 9:2; John 1:4-5

SPECIAL MUSIC “Hope for the Light” Adult Choir

MESSAGE “The Light Still Shines: ”When Everything Feels Dark”

Pastor Steve Salisbury

CLOSING HYMN “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” UMH 196

PASTORAL BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES / CHIMES

POSTLUDE Elise Sweger

(Please stand, if able)

Worship Notes

Hearing assist devices are available at the right rear of the sanctuary in tech room.

Large print bulletins are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher.

Children’s Worship - Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for the children’s moment followed by Otter Kids Sunday School class in Room 5.

Today’s altar flowers are given in memory of Danny Swearingen by Betsy Swearingen.

Usher Captain: Jim Compton

Organist: Elise Sweger

Worship Schedule

8:45 AM - Traditional

9:30 AM - Contemporary “Gathering”

11:00 AM - Chapel

Adult Sunday School:

9:45 AM - Loyal Class (library)

10:00 AM - BASIC Class (room 8)

What's Happening at Otterbein!

Barnabas Group - November

This month, the Barnabas Group has chosen a new individual who would appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement. You will find their name and note cards in the **narthex** or **multipurpose room**.

Please take a moment to write a note that shares God's love, comfort, and encouragement. If writing is not your thing, preprinted cards with messages are available—just sign your name and place the card in the basket.

BASIC Adult Sunday School Class – 10:00 AM – Room 8 (Starts November 1)



Please join Harry Owens as he leads the class on "Now and Not Yet" starting on November 1st. *Now and Not Yet Bible Study* explores six profound ways God makes His faithfulness known in the biblical stories of Abraham, Joseph, Israel, Hannah, and the Apostle Paul. As you encounter God through the pages of His Word, you'll see His ways, His character, His purposes, and His faithfulness in the lives of His people.

And the more you understand God's ways, the more you will discover that He's just as faithful in your life right now—even more than you know.

Circle of Prayer

Each week our Susquehanna & Upper New York Conferences requests prayer for churches within their area and our Conference Camp / Retreat centers. During the **week of November 29 – December 5, 2026** – (PA) Calvary Wiconisco UMC – Wiconisco, Central Wilkes-Barre UMC – Wilkes Barre, Charlestown UMC – Mercersburg, Christ Community UMC – Selinsgrove, Covenant UMC – Lock Haven; (NY) Bowmansville UMC – Bowmansville, Calvary UMC – Latham, Camillus: First UMC – Camillus, Canadice UMC – Springwater, Canton UMC – Canton, Cooperstown UMC – Cooperstown.

Children's Handchime Choir (open to all 3rd grade and above)

Practices are held during the last 15 minutes of Children's Church. Practice dates are as follows:
Nov. 29 @ 9:30 AM
Dec. 6 @ 9:30 AM
Dec. 13 @ 9:45 AM (combined service)
Dec. 19 – Performance during Children's Christmas Showcase
Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Family Service – 7:30 PM

Hospitality Station Volunteers Needed

Help us offer a warm welcome on Sunday mornings by volunteering at the Hospitality Station in the narthex. Volunteers assist with filling and cleaning the urns, making coffee, setting up and cleaning the water and juice station, and arranging snacks for the services. If you feel led to serve, please contact the church office.

Upcoming at Otterbein

Event	Date	Time	Location
Bells	November 30	6:30 PM	Choir Room
Bible Study	December 1	9:00 AM	Library
Daycare Practice	December 1 - 4	9 – 11 AM	Sanctuary
BS Lions Club Board Mtg.	December 1	5:30 PM	Library
Trustees Meeting	December 1	7:00 PM	Library
Choir Practice	October 28	6:30 PM – Cantata 7:00 PM – Choir	Choir Room
Daycare Set Up for Christmas Program	December 3	5:30 – 7:30 PM	Gym
Daycare Christmas Program	December 4	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Daycare Clean-Up	December 4	8 – 9:00 PM	Sanctuary / Gym
Member Event	December 5	10 AM – 6:00 PM	Multi-purpose Room
Daycare Secret Santa Setup	December 6	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Room 8

1st Sunday of each month – New Person for Barnabas Group to write notes to

2nd Sunday of each month – Canned Fruit Sunday

3rd Sunday of each month – Wave to our friends joining us from home.

Communion Dates for 2026
December 24th (2:00, 6:00, and 11:00 PM)