

Little Swatara Church- Pastor Matthew S. Christ

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WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

VIDEO PROJECTION Mark Myers—CVLI#502613280; CCLI#157691

CHURCH SIGN CHANGER: Nov.- Patricia Timmins Dec.- P. Timmins / S Forry Jan.— Sam Forry

Wk. 5 November 30

Wk. 1 December 7

Wk. 2 December 14

CHORISTER

Pam Gerberich

Dianne High

Praise Team

WORSHIP LDR

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Gary Bashore

Praise Team

CHILD STORY

S. Metzler / K. Myers

Mike & Sarah Kolbe

Ashley Koch

PIANIST

Diane Duell

Diane Duell

Praise Team

AUDIO

Todd Rebman

Alan Bashore

Todd Rebman

WORSHIP CTR

Worship Center

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USHERS

Richard & Michelle Yenser
Andrew & Chris Brubaker

Bob & Wendy Lingle
Sam Forry & Ken Duell

Gerald & Jim Bowman
Scott Bohn & John High

WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 am & 10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 9:30 – 10:15 am

Children/Youth

Preschool – Preschool Room, Sanctuary Level

Children's (Grades K to 5 – Pine Room

(Fellowship Hall Level)

Youth (Grades 6 to 12) – Youth Room (Fellowship Hall)

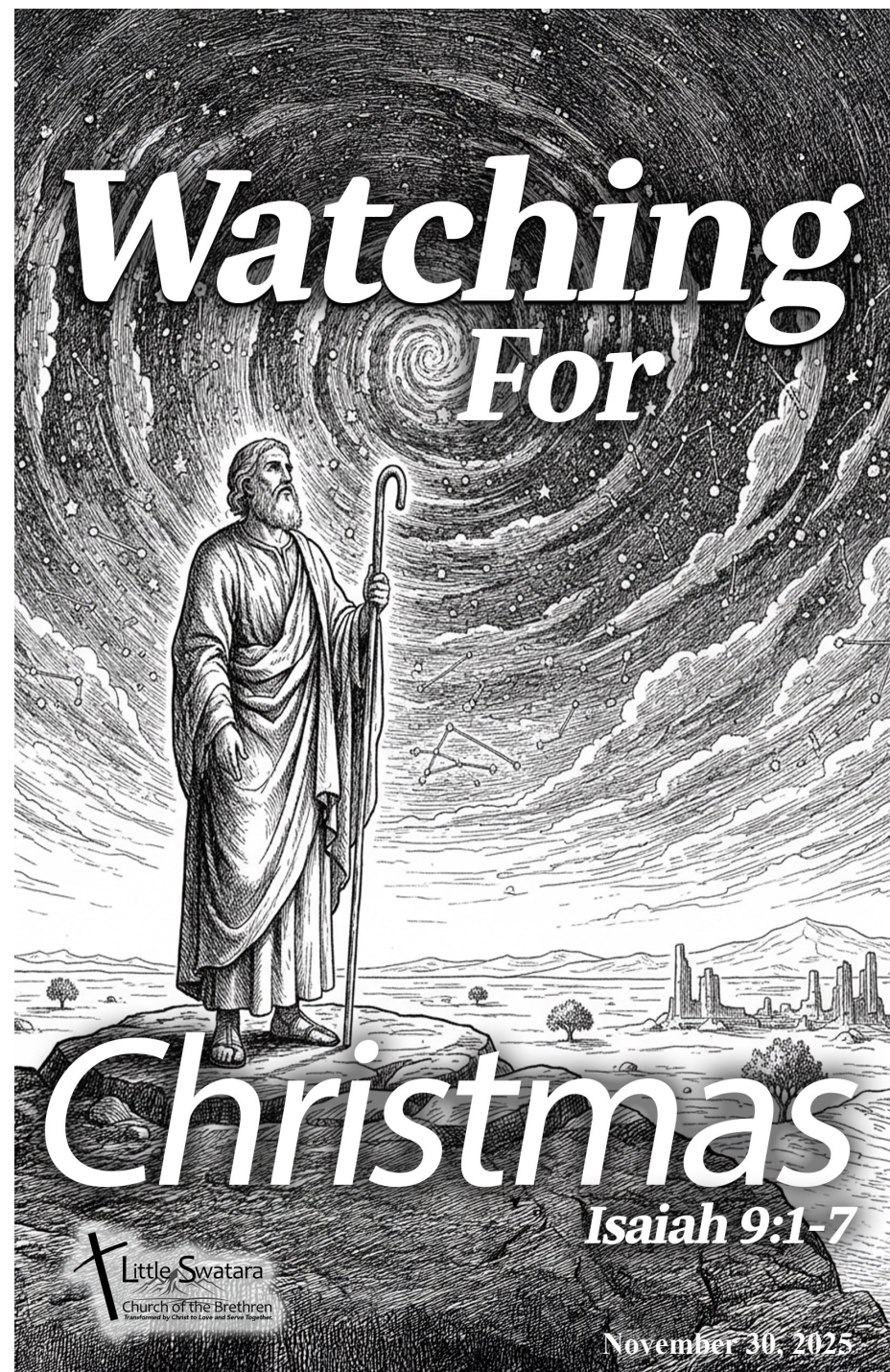
Adults

Young Adults – Oak Room (Fellowship Hall Level)

Hymn Study – Fellowship Hall

NOTICE: We are currently running a Livestream ministry. If you cannot join us on Sunday morning in person, you can join us "online" by visiting our Facebook or YouTube page. Our 10:30 service is streamed every week.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: If you do not want you or your child to appear on this Social Media Stream, please contact the camera operator in the back of the sanctuary to make sure you are avoided.



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LITTLE SWATARA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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Outreach: The Gathering Place Café, 8490 Lancaster Ave, Bethel
 Contact: gatheringplacecafe.com / Phone: 717-933-5958
 Café Hours: **Mon-Sat 6-10am**

Prayer Concerns

Let us remember the shut-ins and
 elderly not able to be with us today.

Lester Bashore
 Wendy Lingle
 Darren Raup
 Lititz COB



(Please contact the secretary if anyone should
 be added or removed from the Prayer List.)

Thank You !

Thanks to everyone for the prayers,
 cards, and phone calls during Earl's ill-
 ness. Also, a big thank you for all who
 attended his memorial service. All was
 greatly appreciated.

~ Joann, Deneen, Tara & Bonnie

Thank you Pastor Bream for sharing
 the Word with us today.



Children's Program
 The Children's Christmas
 program is on Sunday,
 December 14th during
 the Sunday School hour,
 beginning at 9:30 AM in
 the Sanctuary.

The December issue of the **Newsletter**
 has arrived and is on the countertop at
 the mailboxes in the narthex.

GIVING LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$ 4,824.50
Building	\$ 75.00
Family Assistance	\$ 250.00
Maintenance	\$ 317.50
Sunday School	\$ 119.00
Feed Them	\$ 25.00
Global Food Initiative	\$
Food Pantry	\$ 5.00
Women's Fellowship	\$
Mission of the Month	\$ 100.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$ 5,716.00

GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2025
 \$ 349,661.00

Last Sunday's Attendance

Worship 22 + 74
 Virtual Worship - 24
 Sunday School - 43

Children's Bulletins are on the
 table in the back of the sanctuary
 for two age groups. Please help
 yourself



November 30, 2025
8:30 AM Service

Welcome & News

Humor

Prayer

Worship Songs

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
 "Light of the World"
 "Even So Come"

Scripture - Isaiah 9:2-6

Catch of the Day - "Watching"

Deep Dive

1. What's something you traditionally do as a family over the holidays?
2. What are things we might watch for?
3. How do we experience the "great light and joy" as described in the passage?
4. Happiness from a worldly perspective looks like what?
5. How do we see God as a Wonderful Counselor, a Mighty God, an Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace."

Kids Praise - J-E-S-U-S

Prayer

*Little Swatara Church of the Brethren
Transformed by Christ to Love and
Serve Together*

November 30, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(What a joy to have you join us for worship today. Kindly sign & pass the register)

Lighting of the First Advent Candle and Reading: "Watching"

Call to Worship

One: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

All: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

One: Salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

All: To show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

One: To rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

All: And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

One: To give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

All: To shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called" Purple Hymnal #220

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Faithful Men "O Holy Night"

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Offertory Thought and Prayer

Children's Moment

Faithful Men "When He Comes"
"Beautiful Savior"

Scripture - John 3:16; Luke 1:8-10

Message - "For God so loved..."

Hymn "Breathe on me Breath of God" purple hymnal #737

Benediction



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Faith and Family Night at the Reading Royals
Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 PM**

Join us as we fellowship at the Reading Royals on Faith & Family Night. We have a section of seats tentatively reserved for us. Use the link below to purchase tickets. Tickets cost \$20 (+fees).
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Littleswatara12625>

As a group sale on this special night, we would be able to attend a Q&A before the event with the team chaplain and possibly some players., each individual would receive a Reading Royals hat, and if the group is 20 or more, we can have an on-ice picture after the game. Any questions contact Rich Yenser



Volunteers Needed to Help Pack "Tulpy Packs" !

- Help is needed to pack Tulpy Packs on Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM at the Bethel Elementary School on the morning of
- December 3rd & 17th

Please check your mailbox



2025 Christmas Greetings for Stockings


Stockings are placed in the narthex for home-bound persons, group home residents, and those in assisted living / elderly homes. Our goal is to fill them with Christmas cards thus giving some cheer to the recipients that cannot attend church for various reasons. Cards may be placed in stockings from **Sunday, November 9th to Sunday, December 7th**. Cards and a small gift will be taken to shut-ins during the Christmas Season.

ARLENE DUNDORE	VERA GROSS	JOANN EBLING
ANNETTA KEENEY	RANDY KEENEY	MARY BASHORE
JOHN KELLY	DOROTHY LUTZ	FERN PHILLIPY
DARRELL YOUNKER	MARTIN BASHORE	JEAN KEENEY
MARVIN LUCKENBILL	LESTER BASHORE	NOLAN & DORIS KEENEY
ROBERT & LINDA HOUSER PASTOR MATT, DENISE & FAMILY		


Any questions or additions please contact: Dianne High

Volunteers Needed to help with Live Nativity December 13th from 6—8 pm


Looking towards the Christmas Season – the Music and Worship team is planning to have a Live Nativity for December 13th with a rain date of December 14th. Previous years showed this to be a great outreach opportunity for the community. We need VOLUNTEERS for actors, live animals, setup people, refreshments and more!! **A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.**



Did you miss the Christmas bazaar on Nov. 1st?
Well, you have a second chance to shop!!!
The Women's Fellowship Craft Group will have a stand at
Heidelberg Lioness Christmas Bazaar
St. Paul UCC Social Hall, N. Carpenter St, Schaefferstown, PA
Saturday, December 6th from 8 AM—1 PM



NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT OR A HOSTESS GIFT?

 Church Cookbooks are an easy Christmas gift or hostess gift. We have the newest and the older cookbooks available for sale. If you are interested, see any member of the Women's Fellowship or the church secretary. The new version (with the red cover) is \$5.00 and the older version (with the yellow cover) is \$3.00

The November-December issue of the **Upper Room** has arrived & is on the table in the narthex.



November Mission of the Month
Blankets of Hope

What's Happening in:

November

30 First Sunday of Advent



December

3 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM Online Bible Study



4 8:30 AM Quilting



6 1:00 PM 50+ Club mtg / Christmas Banquet



9 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare

10 8:45 AM Women's exercise class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise class / FH
7:00 PM Online Bible Study



11 8:30 AM Quilting



13 9-11 AM Children's Christmas practice
Live Nativity Drive-thru 6-8 PM



14 Food Pantry collection
9:30 AM Children's Christmas
Program / sanctuary

17 8:45 AM Women's exercise
class / FH
10:00 AM Seated Exercise
class / FH
7:00 PM Online Bible Study

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Praise Team / Wed. 7:15pm
Jubilee Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 6:15 pm
Senior Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:00 pm
Bell Choir/Sanct/Thurs. 7:45 pm