

Joy\*  
Philippians 4:4-7

# December 16, 2018

## Third Sunday of Advent

Pianist: Geoffrey Zimmerly • Organist: Phyllis Snyder

### Welcome & Announcements

**Prelude:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - piano/organ

#### \*Invitation to Worship

We come from a world of darkness

**Into Christ's world of light.**

We come from a world of weariness

**Into God's strength and hope.**

We come from a slumbering world.

**Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls  
and watch for the coming of Christ.**

**\*Song:** *Angels We Have Heard on High* pg. 278

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:4-7 (pew Bible pg. 1830)

**Ministry in Music:** *O Holy Night* - Choir

### Prayer

**Our Worship in Giving:** *Jesus Loves Me* – piano/organ

(First-time guests, please do not feel obligated to give.

Your presence with us today is gift enough.)

#### \*Doxology pg. 166

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all  
creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**\*Song:** *Sing We Now of Christmas* pg. 275  
(Children ages 3-6 dismissed to the back of the sanctuary.)

### Message: Joy

**\*Song:** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* pg. 273

#### \*Closing Prayer and Response

*Let's Worship and Adore Him* pg. 247

\*These categories of joy come from David Murray

The flowers on the communion table are given by Lyle Schrock in memory of Marilyn Schrock.

**Worship Leader:** John Sohar

*\*If able, please stand*

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## First Time @ Smithville Brethren?

Welcome, we are thrilled to have you as our guests today. Here is some information you will find helpful.

First, there is a gift waiting for you at our welcome center in the main lobby. Please stop by so we can give it to you.

Second, we would like you to know that we have two worship services here at Smithville Brethren. We have a 9:00 am service in the Sanctuary with a traditional feel and an 11:15 am service in the Upper Fellowship Hall with a contemporary feel.

Third, we believe that the responsibility to support the church financially rests upon the members and friends of this church and not on you, our guest. Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering today.

Fourth, we love children here at SBC so we have a nursery which is open for children from birth to two years old. You may bring your child to the lower level for either service and Sunday school. Our nursery is staffed by loving people who would enjoy caring for your child. If you desire to keep your child in the service, that is perfectly fine also.

Fifth, during both services we also have Jr. church for children ages 3-6. Jr. church begins partway through the service and allows your child a chance to learn about God in a more age appropriate environment. Jr. church is located in the lower level, room #117. You will see a slide on the screen that tells when to send your child out for Jr. church, if you desire to do so.

### Volunteers for Today:

9:00 Children's Church: Bev Kail  
Nursery: Chin-Chin Frantz, Emma Zemancik  
11:15 Children's Church: Russ King, Ruth Bachman  
Nursery: Sylvia King, Sue Roe

### Wednesday, December 19

6:30 Blanket Ministry  
6:30 Time of Prayer  
7:30 Choir Practice

### Saturday, December 22

9:00 Bell Choir practice LFH

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## Prayer

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- Betsy West - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bertha Rudy - Apostolic Nursing Home
- Bill & Glenna Mast
- Edna Fleming - Danbury Senior Living
- Hilda Flory

**Food Distribution** We will be distributing food to local needy families. We need people to help organize the food on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 9:00-10:30 am. We also need people 2:30-4:00 and 6:00-7:30 pm, (the same day) to help distribute. Please sign the sheet on the Information table.

**Friends' Club Kids!** "The best way to spread Christmas cheer, is singing loud for all to hear!" (Buddy the Elf)

Hey Friends Club Kids ~ bring your families and let's spread some cheer around the community as we go caroling together on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Join us at 5:30 for a quick dinner in the church's Upper Fellowship Hall before we leave to sing. Please remember to wear warm clothes. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Jr/Sr High Youth!** We are having a Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 21, in the student center from 6:30-9:00 pm! Dress in your finest Christmas attire! Bring a friend and a gift to exchange as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Pizza will be provided and we will also have cookies to decorate! For more info email Andrew McGinnis at [mcdrew77@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdrew77@yahoo.com)

**Christmas Eve Service** Invite family and friends to the Christmas Eve Service, Monday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. The service will be in the sanctuary and will include a special time for children and a message.



**2019 offering envelopes** are on a table in the upper fellowship hall against the north wall. If anyone else would like 2019 envelopes, please call Dee Durbin at 330-262-4525.

**SS Curriculum Update** Parents of children in 2 yr old, 1st-2nd grade and 5-8th grade Sunday school classes--We wanted to take a moment to update you on the new curriculum that we have been piloting this fall. It has been a great quarter! We are challenged and encouraged by what we are learning together. Our plan is to pilot the curriculum in the same classes again this quarter to continue to give the teachers, children, and you the opportunity to become more familiar with and utilize it to the fullest. Some of you have given us feedback already--thank you! We want to know how things are going and how we can help you as you teach your faith to your children.

We will meet with parents again in late January during the Sunday school hour to get your input on this curriculum. Please do not hesitate to talk to Pastor Art or Jennifer if you have any questions or concerns.

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**Official Board minutes**, for the month of October, are available in the last mailbox.

**Deadline for the January newsletter** is next Sunday, Dec. 23. You may put news items in the black office box on the Information table, or email to [sbrethren@earthlink.net](mailto:sbrethren@earthlink.net)

**Our Daily Bread** The new issues, regular & large print, are available at the Information table and the west door.

**The 2019 Flower Chart** is available by the Welcome Center. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers for the 9:00 am worship service.

**Installation of new officers** for the 2019 year will take place Sunday, January 13, during our combined worship service.

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will follow the service. Please bring soup or sandwiches to share. Sign up at the Information table.

9:00 Fellowship Time  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
11:45 Soup & Sandwich Lunch

**Winter Blues got you down?** Well how about a little bit of summer fun to warm you up, and what says summer more than Camp Bethany? Come join us for a fun and relaxing time at Winter Camp 2019! All the great aspects of summer camp packed into a winter weekend. This years theme is "Mirror, Mirror" as we explore James 1:22-23. We will do an in-depth study looking at both the person and the character of Jesus while spending time REFLECTING on our image to see if it mirrors that of Christ's. Grades 6-12 are invited to come spend January 18, 6:30 pm-21, 1:30 pm (MLK weekend) at Camp Bethany. Registration will be cut off after 75 students so be sure to get your registration in today as you don't want to miss out on this fun filled weekend. Registration is \$75 dollars (scholarships available) and can be done online at [www.campbethany.org](http://www.campbethany.org); contact Annie Simon [anniesimon96@yahoo.com](mailto:anniesimon96@yahoo.com) with any questions.

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