

# Hope

The people that walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

ISAIAH 9:2



**Summit Church of the Brethren  
First Sunday of Advent**

November 30, 2025

Sunday School 10:00 AM

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"...our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

– Romans 13:11

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP – Isaiah 2:2-5**

\*HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #178 B

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

Diana Craver

**PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give – Leah Slaven

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Acolyte:

Reader: Clooney Rodeffer

\*HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #172 B

MESSAGE: "Comfort My People"  
Isaiah 40:1-11

\*HYMN: "Blessed be the God of Israel" #174 B

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

\*Indicates standing for those who are able.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to all who have come to worship our Lord! We ask our visitors to fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Also, please use these cards for prayer requests.

**SERVING TODAY**

**NEXT WEEK**

Organist: Cindy Farrish.....Judy Stoddard

Pianist: Brenda Showalter.....Brenda Showalter

Greeter Today: Clooney Rodeffer

Greeters Next Sunday: Joe & Ellen Shank

Nursery: Lori & Anita.....Nora & Anita

Offering Counter: Leroy & Doris

Altar: Advent.....Advent

**PRAYER LIST:** Jack Albert, Betty Cramer, Midge Craun, Roger Eutsler, Brent Knicey, Don & Sandy Knicey, Kim Meadows, John Paul Miller, Margaret Monk, Brenda Morris, Chad Pettit, Wilma Fifer Ryman, Buck and Barb Schuckman, Charles Schultz, John Senger, Ellen Shank, the situation in Ukraine, and Audrey Wright.

on the outside of the packages. Gifts are due on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for helping the BRC residents have a Merry Christmas!

Jars of apple butter are still available for sale! Quarts are \$12 and pints are \$8. Please see Sandon Knicely if you would like to purchase a jar.

**Summit Directory:** Please give any changes for the 2026 church directory to Susan Schuckman (slschuckman@aol.com) or Brenda Showalter (brendashowalter8@aol.com) **by next Sunday**. We will need any changes for the committees, Sunday School teachers, etc. If you have questions, please let them know.

Nursery volunteers are needed for 2026. Please use the green sheet on the bulletin board outside of Pastor Tim's office to sign up for a month or months you are willing to provide nursery coverage during worship. For 2026, we are asking for two volunteers each month and ask that the two of you work out nursery coverage during your month. Thank you! If you have questions, see Anita Shank.

John Paul Miller wishes to express his appreciation for the lap robe given him last week, and for all the prayers and cards as he recovers from surgery.

**Offering for November 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Regular:	\$2,655.85
Youth Apple Butter Sales:	<u>\$ 12</u>
Total:	\$2,667.85

Weekly amount needed to make budget: \$2,875

**Bulletin information** can be given to Pastor Tim at 540-828-6262 or you can email tcraver01@gmail.com. Please have information to him by Friday morning.

**Happy Birthday** to Diana Craver!

**Bible Study** will meet on Thursday at 7 pm in the library.

**Christmas Family Meal** will be held next Sunday following the worship service. It will be a carry-in meal with drinks provided. Please plan to join us for this special gathering with our church family!

Items are being collected for **Valley Mission** during November. Items requested include hats, gloves, socks, cold medicine, cough drops, Tylenol, tissues and Lysol wipes. There is a box outside the Homebuilders Classroom for donations.

The Women's Fellowship will collect gifts for Operation Santa Project for Western State Hospital patients through December 14<sup>th</sup>. A list of gifts needed is posted on the bulletin board. Donations can be placed in the box under the coat rack in the vestibule. Items need to be new and unwrapped. Thank you!

We will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at Shenandoah Heritage Market from 10-2 on December 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board next week to sign up for a time slot.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the church at 4 pm for Christmas caroling and then come back for pizza and dessert. Then at 6:30, Women's Fellowship will sponsor a cookie exchange for all who are interested. Signup sheets will be posted next week.

To support those dealing with grief during the holidays, we are sponsoring a 3-week group study for continued support along your journey. Whether your loss was a parent, spouse or other – or your loss was recent or years ago – this video study program is designed to provide direction, tips, understanding and encouragement from grief recovery professionals. Class will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

We are collecting gifts for Bridgewater Home Assisted Living residents. Tags are available in the narthex; please sign your name next to the tag you take. Please wrap the gifts and write the name