

## TODAY

**Sunday, December 24**

**9:00 AM**—Worship

**6:00 PM**—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service\*

## THIS WEEK

**Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

Church office closed

**Wednesday, December 27**

7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting (Zoom only)\*

**Saturday, December 30**

7:00 AM—Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

**Sunday, December 31**

9:00 AM—Worship

\*See inside pages for more details



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## The Weekly

**December 24, 2023**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM**

**WELCOME**

**ADVENT READING — ISAIAH 52:7-10 LUKE 2:1-14**

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM**

**PRAYER — DAN BAILEY, ELDER**

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM**

**Children in grades K-3 are dismissed for Junior Church**

**MESSAGE – PASTOR CHRIS LENHART**  
**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN**  
**“LOVE” (ISAIAH 8:19-9:7)**

**WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM**

**OFFERING (GLOBAL MINISTRIES FUND)**

Please place your tithes & offerings in the boxes at the doors as you leave. See back page for info about giving from home.



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**Growing in a greater love for God and a greater love for each other.**



# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

**December Memory Verse:** Luke 2:11 (ESV)  
*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**Prayer Meeting - Online ONLY on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 7:00 PM**  
Beginning Dec. 27, there will be a new Zoom link & meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198667797>, Meeting ID: 891 9866 7797

**2023 Giving Reminder:** Please note: any tithes and offerings that you want to appear on your 2023 giving statement must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 31. Checks mailed must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Monies received after that date will appear on your 2024 statement. Thank you.

**New ABF—Kitchen Conversations**  
A new ABF—Kitchen Conversations—is open to all ages and will begin the first Sunday in January. We will meet in Lefever Hall on the kitchen side (Side A). Pastor Jim and Karen will lead round table discussions (literally and figuratively!) on various topics and Bible Passages. Grab your favorite beverage from the café and join us!

# HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service,** Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:00 AM  
Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF. We will have preschool classes & Jr. Church.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,** Sunday, Dec. 24, 6:00 PM  
We'll enjoy a selection of Scriptures, a time of reflection celebrating Jesus the Light of the World, along with an orchestral ensemble accompanying our carols & Christmas songs, and carols by candlelight. This year's service will not be livestreamed, so please make plans to join us live at CMBC! We will all enjoy the service together - no childcare.

**New Year's Eve Morning Worship Service,** Sunday, Dec. 31, 9:00 AM  
Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF. We will have preschool classes & Jr. Church.

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Save the Date for the 2024 Women's Retreat:** April 19-21, Black Rock Retreat

# 50+ CLUB

**Mystery Movie Matinee - Saturday, Jan. 20, 2:00-4:00 PM, Multi-Purpose Room**  
Back by popular demand: the Mystery Movie Matinee, mixed with fellowship. Popcorn, candy, and drinks will be provided. Sign up in the lobby Dec. 31, Jan. 7 & 14.

# OASIS YOUNG ADULTS

**Oasis Young Adult Men's Small Group - Monday, Jan. 8, 6:30 PM**  
Held at Neil Feltham's home. Currently rotating through one night discussions on challenging topics (last month was infant baptism vs adult baptism). All high school seniors are also welcome. Supper served. Meeting on Mondays until Quizzing season is through. Questions? Contact Neil.

# PARADISE KIDS

**The Children's Ministry is collecting** brown paper bags and the brown/white packaging paper from your packages to start creating VBS props. Place your donations in the bin in the lobby.

**No Awana 12/27** - Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

# CMBC YOUTH

**YBF (Youth Bible Fellowship) for grades 7-12 - Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room**

**No Youth Group 12/27** - Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

# CHURCH BUSINESS

<b>REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF 12/17/23</b>	
In-Person Worship Service Attendance	313
ABF, YBF, Sunday School Attendance	226
Service Livestream views	81
Weekday Activities	59

<b>Offering Report (Ministries Fund)</b>	
Checks, cash & online giving:	\$18,540.69

**FAMILY NEWS**  
**In the Hospital/Rehab:** John Marsh

**Surgery:** Keith Seace (1/2)

**Sympathy** to the family of Kerm Sauer, who passed away on December 10.

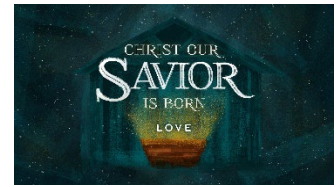
**Thank you**  
I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, texts, meals, the love, and the prayers everyone has given us following my knee surgery. Thank you!  
—Mike & Chrissy Stoltzfus

Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

# LOVE

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Pastor Chris Lenhart – Christmas Eve, 2023



Introduction

Further Study

Isaiah 1-9

Darkness & Death (19-22)

1 Sam. 28:6-8  
Lev. 19:31; 20:6  
Deut. 18:11  
Jn. 6:60-71  
Phil. 2:16  
1 Jn. 1:1-4  
Prv. 18:20-21  
James 3:5-12

Light & Life (23-9:7)

Judg. 7-8  
Is. 11:2; 22:21-22; 25:1; 28:29  
Ps. 45:6  
Ps. 46:9-10  
Deut. 10:17  
Jer. 32:18  
Ps. 72; 144  
Ps. 2:7; Jn. 3:16  
Mic. 5:4  
Lk. 1:32-33; 2

Tonight: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 pm)  
Next Week: "On Time" Pastor Jim Davis

Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen.

Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

**Is. 8:19-9:7**

<h1>LOVE</h1> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	
<p><b>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</b></p> <p>Start with <b>Prayer</b> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Isaiah 8:19-9:7</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where are the voices of despair and death currently present in our own lives? Take inventory of the voices that are causing anxiety, fear, worry, doubt, and despair. Name them. Then, journal or share about a plan to displace or dispel those voices with voice of Scripture this upcoming year.</li> <li>2. Take a look at Isaiah 8:21-22. How does Isaiah describe that seeking outside voices, instead of waiting and listening for God’s voice, will ultimately leave us feeling?</li> <li>3. As God words, come through the prophet starting in 8:23, what happens to despair, darkness, and gloom? How is this hopeful for us today?</li> <li>4. In Isaiah 9:6, how do the names of the Son who is born, the Child who is given, point to both the human and divine nature of Jesus?</li> <li>5. Take time to journal or discuss the characteristics that will be part of the Kingdom that Jesus will establish and reign over. How are followers of Jesus invited to explore, participate in, and benefit from the nature of Jesus’ kingdom?</li> </ol> <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u>  Isaiah 1-9  1 Sam. 28:6-8  Lev. 19:31; 20:6  Deut. 18:11  Jn. 6:60-71  Phil. 2:16  1 Jn. 1:1-4  Prv. 18:20-21  James 3:5-12  Judg. 7-8  Is. 11:2; 22:21-22; 25:1; 28:29  Ps. 45:6  Ps. 46:9-10  Deut. 10:17  Jer. 32:18  Ps. 72; 144  Ps. 2:7; Jn. 3:16  Mic. 5:4  Lk. 1:32-33</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u>  Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>