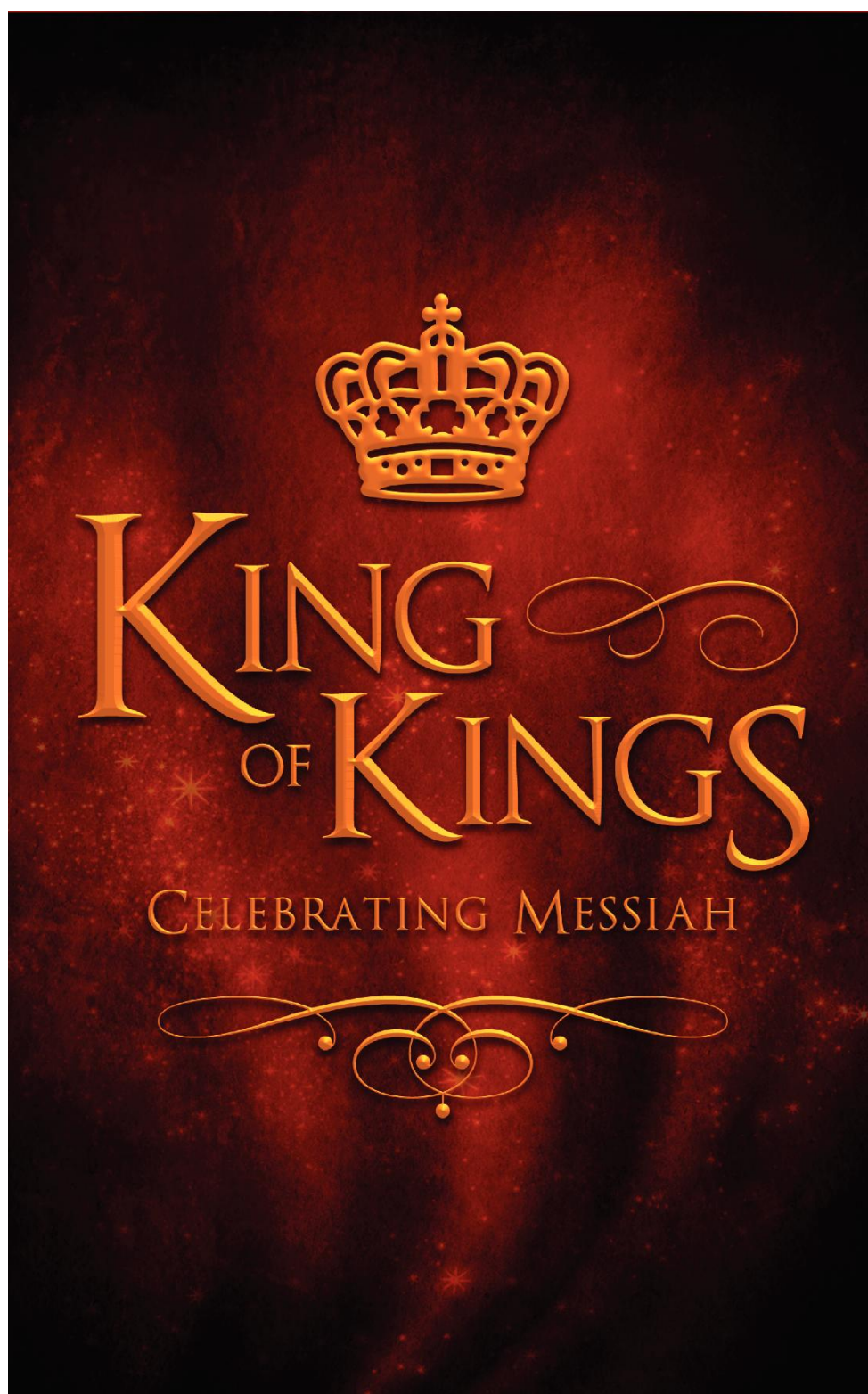




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December 7, 2025 | 10:45am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP TO THE SOVEREIGN GOD

This is an advent communion Preparatory Service. Which means, tonight we take the Lord's Supper. And today, we worship God for his gracious plan to send a Redeemer.

CALL TO WORSHIP – Luke 1:53–55

“He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

*HYMN OF ADORATION “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

ADVENT CANDLES: **“THE PROPHECIES OF REDEMPTION”**

CANDLE 1: COMFORTER CANDLE – Josh and Kelly Chaffee family

Lighting of the Candle

Readings: Isaiah 40:1–5

Elder Prayer for Widows

COVENANT RENEWAL – COMFORT IN CHRIST

CONFESSION OF SIN Isaiah 59:11-12

“We all growl like bears; we moan and moan like doves; we hope for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us.”

PAUSE TO CONFESS YOUR SINS AND NEED OF CHRIST’S REDEMPTION.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Isaiah 59:20 (unison)

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the LORD.”

*HYMN OF GRACE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (No. 171)

PRAISES AND REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 12:46–50 (p.1039)**

**PRAYER OF ENLIGHTENMENT

MESSAGE **Jesus and the Subject of Family**

*HYMN OF FAITH “The Church’s One Foundation” (No. 131)

BENEDICTION

*SONG OF SENDING... “May the Mind of Christ” (v1)

*Please stand as you are able

**Children's worship is available age 4 through 1st grade

December 7, 2025

“Jesus Christ for Western Beaver County”

Songs for Worship

1 | Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus,

Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver,

Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

3. Come, Thou Whom the prophets promised,

Thou of Whom the cantors sing;
Come, Emmanuel; God, be with us,
Thou our Prophet, Priest and King.
Jesus, Thou art al perfection,
Thou Whose fellowship we crave;
Thou the Life and Resurrection;
Come redeem us from the grave.

4. Come, O King, and claim Thy kingdom;

With the angels split the skies!
With a shout and trumpet sounding,
Bid Thy sleeping children rise.
Gather in Thine arms so tender
Sinners saved through faith alone;
Lead us in thy heav'nly splendor
Unto our eternal home.

2 | O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. O come O come Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

***Chorus - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

2. O come Thou rod of Jesse

Free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. ***Chorus***

3. O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;
O drive away the shades of night
And pierce the clouds and bring us light. ***Chorus***

4. O come Thou key of David come

And open wide our heav'nly home
Where all Thy saints with Thee shall dwell
O come, O come, Emmanuel! ***Chorus***

3 | The Church's One Foundation (No. 131)

1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the Word;
From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

4 | May the Mind of Christ My Savior

1. May the mind of Christ my Savior

Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

This Week

Welcome

Welcome to worship. We are pleased you chose to worship with us today. If you have any questions about God, the Bible, or our church, or would just like to say hello, please talk with Pastor Jeff.

Nursery is available. See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Naomi Shepler & Helper Bethany Forton

The Lord's Day

9:30am – Sunday Education Hour

Sunday School opens at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Superintendent: Kara Masters

Kids and Youth Classes

Toddlers thru K: Room LL 203 Marie Fowler,
Diane Justice & Marci Thoman

1st thru 3rd: Room LL204 - Linda D'Angelo
& Jodi Billheimer

4th thru 5th: Room LL304 Kara Masters
& Joanna Zehnder

6th thru 8th: Basement Library – Heidi Shepler

9th thru 12th: Youth Room – Josiah Forton

Advent Adult Class

Grasping Jesus' First Advent with Pastor Emeritus Ric Raines
| Fellowship Hall

Communicant's Class (6th-12th grade) with Pastor Jeff |
Conference Room (by kitchen)

Sunday Worship

10:45am Morning Preparatory Worship – Advent begins. And with everything from traditions to loss, we are reminded how much 'family' colors the holidays. But family can break apart. Family can become suffocating. Sin in family can create terrible division and loss. Or worst of all, some family can even lead a person away from Christ. Some say 'family first' – but with all the brokenness is this even legitimate? What does the Bible say about family? Pastor Jeff will preach an important topical message about family that ends in Matthew 12:43-50: "Jesus and the Subject of Family."

6pm Bread and Cup Communion Advent Worship Service – Tonight, this special communion service focuses on the "Communion" of the Lord's Supper, the **unity** we have in Christ. Held in the Fellowship Hall, with chairs situated around the communion table in the middle. We remember the Last Supper, when Christ's disciples gathered round a table, seeing one another, listening to Jesus. Come, feed on Christ together.

Monday

10am Bowling – at Walnut Lanes

3pm Midland GNC - We meet at Midland School in the lunch room.

6:30pm – 8:30pm Ladies Christmas Craft Night - There will be a variety of simple crafts or more complex crafts to do. Come join us for this fun with fellowship evening and wear your Christmas sweaters and please bring a snack to share and a \$3 donation to cover cost of supplies.

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry

Wednesday

9:30am Ladies Bible Study – We will be having our Christmas party. Come earlier for breakfast foods and then we will do a Christmas devotion and an activity. Baby sitting available.

6:30pm – 8pm Covenant Kids – Grades 1-5 are doing "Pilgrim's Progress." And 4yrs.- Kindergarten: The Armor of God.

6:30pm – 8:30pm The ROCK Christmas Party – There will be games fun, fellowship and bring a white elephant gift (\$10 limit) There will be a coffee bar & cookies provided.

6:30pm Prayer & Study – We are using the book of Acts to guide our prayer.

Thursday

11am Young In Heart Christmas Celebration - You are invited to come for Bible Study and Luncheon. This month we are taking a break from I Samuel to study the Christmas Story in Matthew 1&2 and Luke 1&2. A ham is provided as the main dish. Please bring a side dish or dessert. You are welcome to come and share your favorite Christmas memories and traditions. Come and let us celebrate Jesus, coming in a body like ours to save us from sin.

3pm Fairview GNC – We meet at Fairview Elementary School in the cafeteria.

Saturday - 9am Stewards Meeting

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday Education Hour – Join us for the opening in the sanctuary, before heading to class.

10:45am Second Advent Morning Worship – Pastor Jeff will break from Matthew. And preach a two-part message on "Immanuel Today:" The theology and the practice of believing in "God with us" today.

6pm Evening Worship: Revelation 17-18 – Tonight night, we break open Revelation 17-18 and let the text ask us some important questions about nations and America in particular. Come and *think Christianly* about the nation in which you live.

Congregational Announcements

Adult Education: Grasping Jesus' First Advent will be the Adult Class for the month of December. We will be digging into the details of Jesus' first coming into this world. Hopefully, to find new personal meaning. May the wonder of Jesus birth bring special joy and worship for each of us; despite perhaps a difficult year for you that has dramatically changed your life. Make the most of this hour on Sunday morning to uplift your soul to prepare you for the worship service and a Christmas that will surprise you. Pastor Ric will be the guide for this 4 week advent study.

Angel Tree – The Fairview Missions Committee invites you to bless others this Christmas season by participating in our Angel Tree Project. We help children and their caregivers who live in the Midland area whose loved one is incarcerated. **Sunday, December 7.** Pick up an angel, read about the need. Purchase a toy and clothing item listed on the card for the child and purchase a personal hygiene item for the caregiver. All gifts must be wrapped and placed under the tree by December 21. If you'd like the blessing of delivering the gifts to families in our area on December 21, please notify the Missions Committee.

Church Christmas Cards – Our Christmas mailbox is located in the vestibule of the church for Christmas cards to fellow members and friends in the church. Young people will deliver the cards to the church "mailcans". A list of all the members and friends of Fairview Church with "mailcans" and addresses is available on the information table in the vestibule.

Updated Directories – The updated directories for 2026 are in your mailcans.

The ROCK Christmas Caroling – Wed. Dec. 17, 6:00pm – 8:30pm. The youth will be caroling to our shut-ins. If anyone would like to go with them see Josiah Forton.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Wednesday, December 24 at 7pm. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is a simple but elegant reminder that into this dark world, a great light shines. Jesus is "the Light of the world" (John 8:12). Offerings received that night will go to the Look/After Fund, for PCA pastors or widows-of-pastors in need, which include missionaries as well as pastors who are in need.

Installation of Officers – Sunday, January 11, 2026. We will install the new church officers during the 10:45am Worship Service. We will also be having a luncheon afterwards. More info to come.

Treasurers – All church treasurers are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 14, 2026. The auditors will go over the treasurer books and give a report to the Deacons by the end of the month. We want to thank the treasurers, auditors, and Deacons for their faithful work.

Our Daily Bread Devotional for the months of December, January, and February is available on the missions table.

Snow Camp 2026, 'Merica "For freedom Christ has set us free" for youth in 6th to 12th grade.

* When: February 13-15, 2026

* Where: Laurelville Retreat Center

Camper registration

<https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3130423>

We are in need of counselors. About 4 female and 1 male. if you would like to, register at this link <https://ascensionpresbytery.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3130423>

YA-DULT Retreat 2026 – "A Weekend at the Movies" Feb. 27- March 1. At Laurelville Retreat Center. For 18-30(ish). Scan the QR code that is on the poster in the kitchen for more info. Two speakers, team-teaching: Pastors Jeff Zehnder and Jon Price (Covenant Community).

Fairview Food Pantry – For December, we would like to restock the shelves with pretty much everything. Soups, Chunky soups, Crackers, Syrup, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, Oatmeal Packets, Sloppy Joe mix, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodle, etc.

November Financial Report – The Elders and Deacons, in a desire to keep the congregation informed, will include financial summaries each month.

General Fund Budget:	\$256,495.25	Mission Fund Budget:	\$ 63,525.00
General Fund Income:	\$209,333.30	Mission Fund Income:	\$ 64,247.35
Over/ (Under)	(\$ 47,161.95)	Over/ (Under)	\$ 722.35

Account balances:

General Fund.....	\$122,038.29
Missions Fund.....	\$ 11,753.22
Deacons Fund.....	\$ 19,681.35
Christian Education Fund.....	\$ 3,771.46
Food Pantry	\$ 4,227.87

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader.....	Scott Shepler
Audio-Visual	Paul Hardesty & Grace Forton
Musicians.....	Linda D'Angelo, Josiah Forton & Kara Masters
Vocalist.....	Hannah Forton
Children's Worship.....	Naomi Shepler & Bethany Forton
Nursery.....	JoAnna & Anna Zehnder & Jamie Rhodes
Greeters.....	Jason & Alissia Dudek
Ushers	Brad Billheimer, Gideon te Velde Josiah te Velde & William Phillips

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader	Giles te Velde
Audio-Visual.....	Grace Forton & Gideon te Velde
Musicians.....	Linda D'Angelo, Josiah Forton & Amy Hardesty
Vocalist.....	Lindsey Hollabaugh
Nursery.....	Bre & Bentley Hooks & Sandy Christian
Greeters.....	Erik & Lindsey Hollabaugh & Family
Ushers.....	Chase Thoman, Josh Chaffee Stephen Hapach & Ethan Masters

Sermon Notes

"Jesus and the Subject of Family"

Matthew 12:46-50 (p.1039)

Prayers & Praises

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

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