

## Today's Worship

Traditional Worship Service - 8:25 AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

*Love Has Come #256*

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne #292 vs.1,4,5*

*I Cannot Tell #354*

*O How He Loves You and Me #349 vs.1*

Choir

Offering & Offertory

Doxology & Offering Prayer

Sermon: "Expect Big Things"

*Love Divine #648 vs.1,3,4*

Postlude

*\*If able, please stand for the hymns, doxology & offering prayer.*

Sunday School 9:45 to 10:45 AM

Contemporary Worship Service - 11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Battle Belongs*

*Revelation Song*

Sermon: "Expect Big Things"

*Graves Into Gardens*

*\*If able, please stand for worship songs.*

*\*You may be seated during the third song until the offering plate has been passed.*

# *Fourth Week of Advent 2025*

## *Sunday, December 21*

### *A Long-Awaited Hope*



### *"Expect Big Things"*

## Isaiah 7, Matthew 1

## Pastor Rodney Bistline



## NEW TO SHIPPENSBURG FCOG?

### Welcome to Shippensburg First Church of God!

We're glad you're here. If you are a guest with us today, please stop at our Welcome Desk in The Gathering Place located just outside our back sanctuary doors and pick up the gift we have for you. At our Welcome Desk, you may also get more information on our Sunday school classes, Community Night classes, Care Groups, and upcoming events. While you're there, please fill out a *Connection Card* so we can get to know you better. (*Connection Cards* are also located on the backs of the pews and can be placed in the offering plate).

Please feel welcomed and at home!

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:25 am—Traditional Service with hymns and choir  
11:00 am—Contemporary Service & Children's Church

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45 am

There are Sunday school classes for all ages.  
(Usually on the first Sunday of the month, there is a "Get Connected" class. This class will help anyone who is interested in our church get to know us better.)

## WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY NIGHT 6:30-8 P.M.

September–April

During Community Night, we offer classes for anyone 2 years of age or older. There is AWANA for children 2 years of age-5th grade, Youth Group for grades 6-12, Young Adult Group for those who are post-high school and are 18-25 years of age, and there are three classes for adults.

## GENERAL INFO

**Nursery:** We have a safe, clean and organized nursery available for both Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School. We also have a **Nursing Mothers' Room** on the lower level in room 9.

**Anointing and Prayer:** If you would like to seek healing from the Lord through prayer and anointing with oil, please come forward at the invitation. Our pastors and elders would love to minister to you according to James 5:13-16.

**Assisted Hearing Devices:** You may pick-up a hearing device at the sound console on the left side of the sanctuary if you need hearing assistance.

**Prayer Room:** Room 104 is open for your use if you would like to pray.

**Pew Bibles:** If you don't have a Bible, feel free to take a pew Bible as our gift to you.

**Online Giving:** You can give online using PayPal and/or credit and debit cards. A link is on the church website: [shipfcog.org](http://shipfcog.org) or scan the QR code.



## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 21—4th Sunday of Advent

8:25 a.m.—Traditional Service, Quiz Practice

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

—CM Christmas Celebration 9:45AM-Noon

11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Service & Children's Church

6:00 p.m.—Cantata Practice

### Monday, December 22

9:30 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays), 107

### Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00 p.m.—Family Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m.—Cantata Christmas Eve Service

### Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

**Merry Christmas!**

### Saturday, December 27

7-8 a.m.—Men's Alliance, American Legion

9-10 a.m.—Women's Alliance, American Legion

5-7 p.m.—Pastor Gary's Retirement Celebration,  
Greenvillage Church of God

### Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m.—Combined Worship Service  
No Sunday School

**Wednesday, December 24 & 31 – No Community Night**

## ABOUT US

Please check out our monthly newsletter called "FYI". It has more detailed information regarding what is happening in our church. This newsletter can be found at our Welcome Desk or on the center pews.

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### Our Pastors

Pastor Rodney Bistline, Senior Pastor

Pastor Gary Hornbaker, Pastor of Visitation and Discipleship