



# Shippensburg First Church of God

## FYI

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

**Attendance:** Sunday Morning Worship  
Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30 a.m.	108	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>163</b>
11 a.m.	121		
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>229</b>		

**Attendance:** Service From the Heart  
Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:30 p.m.	96
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**Today**  
(December 10, 2023)



**8:30 & 11 a.m.—Morning Worship**

We are currently in a series called "O Little Town". We are looking at Bethlehem and some of the stories that are connected to it. We are considering how God used this "little town" for something great and how God often uses the small, seemingly insignificant, or weak things to fulfill His plans and show His greatness. We are also looking at how the events that happened in Bethlehem long ago can change our "little town" of Shippensburg. Today, the second Sunday of Advent, when we light the candle that represents faith, we will look at David and consider how God looks at the heart. Our Scripture reading today comes from 1 Samuel 16-17.

**9:45 a.m.—Sunday School  
Building Fund Offering**

The entire Sunday school offering goes into the building fund to help with the upkeep of our facilities.



**11 a.m.—Children's Church**

Children's Church is for children ages 2-grade 5 and is held in the lower level.

**6 p.m.—Christmas Cantata Rehearsal**

Rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary.

### This Week in Our Church

**Monday**

**9:30-11 a.m.—Ladies' Bible Study**

This study is held the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month in the Annex.

**6:30 p.m.—Christian Education Committee Meeting**

This meeting will be held in room 110.

**Tuesday**

**6:30 p.m.—Council Meeting**

This meeting will be held in the Annex.

**Wednesday**

**8-9 a.m.—Prayer Time**

Prayer Time is held in room 9.

**6:30-8 p.m.—Community Night**

Community Night is held churchwide.

**8 p.m.—Choir Practice**

Choir practice is held in the sanctuary.

**Thursday**

**9-10:15 a.m.—Men's Bible Study**

This study is held offsite. Call the church office for more details.

**Evening—Worship Team Practice**

The worship team practices in the sanctuary.

**Saturday**

**7-8 a.m.—Men's Alliance**

This group meets at the American Legion.

## Next Sunday

(December 17, 2023)



8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.—Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11 a.m.—Children's Church

Children's Church is for children ages 2-5th grade and meets in the lower level.

6 p.m.—Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

Christmas cantata rehearsal will be held in the sanctuary.

## Mission & Ministry Opportunities

### **The Crossing Youth Christmas Blessing Event**

On December 13, the youth will be dividing into groups and going out into the community to bless multiple people with a gift. In the past, groups have bought dinner for someone at a diner, paid for someone's groceries, etc.

We are asking our church family to support this effort and financially donate to this event during both church services on December 10. There will be baskets in the pews located in the middle of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our efforts to bless our Shippensburg community! If you are unable to give during the service, but would still like to contribute, please reach out to our youth leader.

The Crossing Youth

### **The Giving Tree**

If you have taken a snowflake from the "Giving Tree" to buy Christmas gifts for a child, don't forget that gifts should be brought to the church by Wednesday, December 13th. You may place the items in The Gathering Place by the "Giving Tree". The Outreach Committee will take the gifts and give them to Circle of Love who will then get them to the families of these children so they can receive them for Christmas.



### **Hound Packs**

Don't forget, our church is collecting individual packets of oatmeal and individual serving sized containers of cereal for Hound Packs. If you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to church, and place them in the vestibule located closest to Crossroads Station.



## Upcoming Events

### **The Crossing Youth White Elephant Gift Exchange**

The youth will have a Christmas game night and white elephant gift exchange on Wednesday, December 20th during Community Night. If you are planning to attend, please bring a low cost gift to exchange.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Following are the times for the services our church will have on Sunday, December 24th:

**10 a.m.**—Blended Morning Worship

**6 p.m.**—Contemporary Christmas

**11 p.m.**—Choir Cantata

"A Celebration of Carols"

Both evening services will include candle lighting.

### **The Crossing Youth All Night Event**

The youth will have an all night event on December 27-28. They will be leaving in the evening and will be going to several locations throughout the night to participate in some fun & exciting activities. The cost of the event is \$25 which is due by December 15th. If you would like to learn more about this event or would like to sign-up to go, please see one of our youth leaders or contact the church office.



### **Membership & Baptism**

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church or if you are interested in being baptized, there are sign-up sheets in The Gathering Place where you may indicate your interest. A membership class is scheduled for January 21st. A time for baptism is scheduled for February 25th.

## Miscellaneous

### **Our Daily Bread Special Christmas Devotional**

There is a special Christmas edition of "Our Daily Bread" in The Gathering Place. It is called "O Holy Night, Carols of Christmas" and it includes 10 reflections from "Our Daily Bread" based on Christmas carols. You are invited to take copy. We have a limited amount of these booklets, so we ask that for this first week you take one copy per family so that each family has an opportunity to get a devotional if they would like one. Thanks!

**There will be no Community Night on the following dates due to the holidays:**



December 27th  
January 3rd