

*Sunday, December 8, 2024*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*



All who are able are invited to stand.  
(All music used with permission -CCLI #997703)

**PRELUDE**      *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)*  
Brahms

**WELCOME**      Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSIONS**      Ellen Stokes  
Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

**INTROIT:**      *Long Ago, Prophets Knew*      arr. Holst

**ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING**      Caroline Smith & Lucas Mann

**THE CHIMES**

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**      *Luke 1: 68-79*  
(Zechariah's Prophecy)      Ellen Stokes

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

**Congregation: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,**

Leader: That we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

**Congregation: Thus, he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant.**

Leader: The oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

**Congregation: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.**

Leader: To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins

**Congregation: Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

Leader: To shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

**Congregation: To guide our feet into the way of peace.”**

**\*HYMN**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

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**\*INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Ellen Stokes

God of Salvation: As we journey through Advent Season, we to experience a renewed sense of your great love for us. May your love strengthen us, grow us, and equip us to love and serve others. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: (Lord’s Prayer) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN

**SCRIPTURE**

*Malachi 3: 1-4 (NRSVUE)*

Ellen Stokes

**ANTHEM:**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Darke

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

You are invited to offer a joy or a concern. Please complete your prayer requests with “Lord, hear my prayer.”

**HYMN:**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**How to Tithe and Give in these Circumstances**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**     *Doxology*     #34

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S HYMN**

*How Great is Our God*

Chris Tomlin

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIME**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**SCRIPTURE**

*Philippians 1:3-11 (NRSVUE)*

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**SERMON**

*Love...with knowledge and full insight*

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**\*HYMN**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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**\*SPOKEN BENEDECTION**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**CHORAL BENEDECTION**

*Amen*

Schubert

**POSTLUDE**

*Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Archer

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS\***

Marcia Jolley, Don Jolley, Ray Gibb, Judy Gibb, Mary Durkee, Vanessa Brotzman, Tracey Jacobs, Audrey Stepanian, Rose Reynolds, Jim Inghram, (friend of Pastor Steve) recovering from a motorcycle accident, The Family of Doug Fisler, The Family of Joe McConnon

\*If you wish additional information on the prayer list, please contact one of the deacons: Judy McNeil, Marsha Kiriazides, Susie Sparnecht, Carol Morse.

We believe in the Power of Prayer. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month, unless the need is resolved, or if a family member or the Deacons request an extended listing. To remove or extend a prayer request, please contact Sandra at the Church Office.

**Church Announcements**

***If you have any information you would like to share, concerning the mission and ministry of this church, please send them to the office to be included in the bulletin by Tuesday at 9 am.***

**REMINDER TO ALL TEAMS**

Be sure to pass along all future dates and activities to the church office so they may be placed on the general church calendar and building use plan.

## PASTOR STEVE

Pastor Steve will be in the Pastor's Study mornings, Tuesday through Friday this week. You may reach him by phone or e-mail on those days or anytime.

The church will be open for visitors. **If you decide to visit, out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you wear a mask, whether vaccinated or not.** Likewise, Sandra and Pastor Steve will also don masks when we receive visitors.

Pastor Steve is available to talk to you any time of day, for any reason. His phone number is 585-368-8643, his email is [pastorbrotz@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbrotz@gmail.com)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Prepare Proclaim Presentation</b>	<b>Run Zoom</b>	<b>Camera &amp; Participants</b>
<b>Dec/8</b>	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Phillips	Sarah Phillips
<b>Dec/15</b>	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Phillips	Sarah Phillips

### **This Sunday – December 8, 2024**

**Usher** – Jim Symonds

**Moment for Missions** – Ellen Stokes

**Advent Candle-Lighting** – Caroline Smith & Lucas Mann

**Reading** – Ellen Stokes

**Young People's Time** – Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**Coffee Hour** – Sandy Pray

**Adult Discussion** – Pat Holderbaum

### **Next Sunday – December 15, 2024**

**Usher** – Liz Beauter

**Moment for Missions** – Sue Sparnecht

**Advent Candle-Lighting** – Alexandra Hague & Pedro Sperb

**Reading** – Debbie Lochner

**Young People's Time** – Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**Coffee Hour** – Karen Waterman/Sarah Phillips

**Adult Discussion** - Annette Brotzman

## This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Sun Dec/8	<b><u>Morning Worship</u></b> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	10:30 am	NFH
	<b><u>Adult Discussion</u></b>	11:15 am	NFH & Zoom
Tues Dec/10	<b><u>Church Ladies lunch</u></b> Details on page 10	Noon	Boccacini's Italian Bistro & Bar
	<b><u>Trustees Meeting</u></b>	6:00 pm	Conference Room
Wed Dec/11	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>	1:00 pm	Zoom
	<b><u>Bible Club</u></b>	6:00 pm	NFH & Zoom
	<b><u>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</u></b>	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thurs Dec/12	<b><u>Men's Lunch</u></b>	Noon	Riki's in Fairport
	<b><u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u></b>	6:30 pm	Choir Room
Sun Dec/15	<b><u>Morning Worship</u></b> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	10:30 am	NFH
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### **Church Staff**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Choral Scholars:

Alexandra Hague, Caroline Smith, Lucas Mann, Pedro Sperb

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

**Welcome Back Pastor Steve!**  
We are so very glad to have you back.

**How to Join Sunday Worship Service by Phone**

**Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's virtual service  
starting at 9 am**

**Phone Users Dial**

**+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)**

**When prompted, punch in this meeting ID -----> 839 345 585**

**When prompted, punch in -----> #**

**December 2024 Adult Discussion**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Hour**

- Dec. 8 – *The Message of Christmas (Who Needs Christmas?) video 3*
- Dec. 15 – *The Message of Christmas (Who Needs Christmas?) video 4*
- Dec. 22 – Christmas Tea
- Dec. 29 - No Adult Discussion

**Updated Adult Discussion link and call-in:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81942247372>

Dial by your location

• +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

• +1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 819 4224 7372



## 1 pm Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group

Please join Pastor Steve Wednesday for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting, a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

### **1:00 pm Prayer Group:**

Zoom Computer Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

**Phone users dial:** 1-646-876-9923

When prompted, enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

## Bible Club Meeting

**Wednesday - Time: 6:00 pm**  
**Zoom & NFH**

### **How to join us online:**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

### **Call-in:**

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

## CHURCH LADIES' HOLIDAY LUNCH

**Men are invited!**

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Noon  
Boccacini's Italian Bistro & Bar  
6720 Pittsford Palmyra Road  
located in the Perinton Square Mall**

We do have a reservation, however, I need to call in the number in our party the day before, **so please notify Sandra by Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> by 12/Noon if you are able to attend.**

You can email Sandra at [fbpenfield@toast.net](mailto:fbpenfield@toast.net)  
or call her at 586-2876.

This will be the last Church Ladies' Lunch until April 2025

THANK YOU

## **December Flapjack!!**



**Saturday December 21 from 8 to 10.  
\$10.00/person, \$5.00 for children under 12.  
Pancakes, eggs, sausage, apple topping,  
whipped cream, coffee, fellowship.  
Tell your friends...**

Kitchen helpers need to wear a hat and most of them will also need to wear gloves. **Only workers** will be allowed in the kitchen. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall.

**All profits go to Open Door Mission.**

## **NEW Health Safety**

For the latest info on COVID-19, please go to the Monroe County Board of Health - Covid Information updates.

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/health-covid-flu-rsv>

Phone #: (585) 753-5555

## **Who We Are**

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

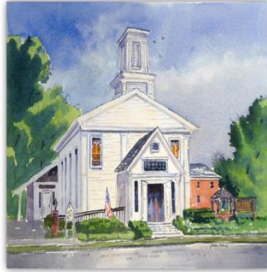
The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.

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A CONGREGATION OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES  
ESTABLISHED 1804

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## Welcome and Sharing within the Community

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We hope and pray that God's loving spirit will be made real and meaningful for you here.

Worship today takes place both in the sanctuary  
and using the Zoom platform.

Links to the online service appear on our website.

If you need to contact us, please phone or e-mail us  
Church Office Hours 9:00am to 12:45pm  
(Monday through Friday)

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