

*Sunday, December 15, 2024*

*Third Sunday of Advent*



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

PRELUDE

*Sinfonia (Messiah)*

Handel

WELCOME

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

Sue Sparnecht

Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering

INTROIT:

*Comfort Ye, My People*

Handel

Lucas Mann, tenor

*And the Glory of the Lord*

ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING

Alexandra Hague & Pedro Sperb

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

*Isaiah 12: 2-6*

Debbie Lochner

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;

**Congregation: I will trust and will not be afraid,**

Leader: For the Lord is my strength and my might;

**Congregation: He has become my salvation.”**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

**Congregation: “Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;**

Leader: make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Congregation: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;**

Leader: let this be known in all the earth.

**Congregation: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

**\*HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

#182

**\*INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Debbie Lochner

God of eternity: We enter this sanctuary seeking peace. We live in a world where constant worries threaten our peace of mind. It is so easy to look at “what’s wrong” and not see your eternal work in our lives. It is so easy to miss your work in the world. May we pray more and worry less. Thank you for answers to prayer and for your abiding love. 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**

*Zephaniah 3: 14-20 (NRSVUE)*

Debbie Lochner

**ANTHEM:**

*But Who May Abide*  
Caroline Smith, mezzo soprano  
*For Unto Us is Born a Son*

Handel

**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:**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      #188

**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

**SOLO:**                      *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion*                      Handel  
   Alexandra Hague, soprano

**SCRIPTURE**      *Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSVUE)*      Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**SERMON**                      *Don’t worry about a thing*                      Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**\*HYMN**                      *Joy to the World!*                      #179

**\*SPOKEN BENEDICTION**

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman

**POSTLUDE**

*In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729

Bach

**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 Fislser, 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/15</b>	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Phillips	Sarah Phillips
<b>Dec/22</b>	Gregg Goodman	Gregg Goodman	Penny Goodman

**This 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

**Next Sunday – December 22, 2024**

**Usher** – Marie Foltz

**Moment for Missions** – Janette Keenan

**Advent Candle-Lighting** – TBD

**Reading** – Yvonne O’Brien

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

**Christmas Tea** – Martha Britt & Judy McNeil

**No Adult Discussion Today**

**This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield**

Sun Dec/15	<b><u>Morning Worship</u></b> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sanctuary &amp; Zoom</b>
	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>NFH</b>
	<b><u>Adult Discussion</u></b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>NFH &amp; Zoom</b>

## This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Wed Dec/18	<b><u>Prayer Group</u></b>	1:00 pm	Zoom
	<b><u>Bible Club</u></b>	6:00 pm	NFH & Zoom
	<b><u>Bell Choir Rehearsal</u></b>	6:00 pm	Sanctuary
	<b><u>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</u></b>	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thurs Dec/19	<b><u>Men's Lunch</u></b>	Noon	Riki's in Fairport
Fri Dec/20	<b><u>Flapjack Set-up</u></b>	3:00 pm	Kitchen & NFH
Sat Dec/21	<b><u>Flapjack Breakfast</u></b>	8:00 am 10:00 am	NFH
Sun Dec/22	<b><u>Morning Worship</u></b> Rev. Steven D. Brotzman	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<b><u>Christmas Tea</u></b>	10:30 am	NFH

### **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

## 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. 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

## The January 2025 Carillon

**Reminder - Submission deadline for the *January 2025 Carillon* is**

**this Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Revision deadline is Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you wish to revise your submission, please send your *final revision* by Thursday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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

## **Flapjack is Back!!**



**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.**

## **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.

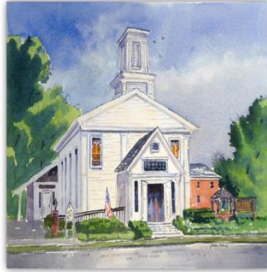
The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.

# First Baptist Church of Penfield

A CONGREGATION OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES  
ESTABLISHED 1804

*Sunday, December 15, 2024*

*Third Sunday of Advent*



## 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)

(585) 586-2876

1862 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY 14526

E-mail ~ [fbpenfield@toast.net](mailto:fbpenfield@toast.net)

Website ~ [www.fbpenfield.org](http://www.fbpenfield.org)

