



December 20th & 21st 2025
WELCOME

"Restoring lives and developing committed disciples of Jesus Christ"

Lead Pastor: Logan Ames
 Associate Pastor: Benny Sorbello

WEEKLY SERVICES & KIDS CHURCH

SATURDAY SERVICE // 6 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES // 9 AM & 10:45 AM

CHILDREN BIRTH TO 3 YEARS

Nursery care during the entire service

CHILDREN PRE-K TO 6TH GRADE

Kids Church during the sermon

Children should be picked up in their classrooms following the service

TEENS GRADES 7TH TO 12TH

Stay in for the whole service

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE
 CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**
 12/24 at 5 & 7 PM
Sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
 MEETING**
 1/4/26 at Noon
Lunch provided for those that attend the meeting. Only one service on Sunday at 10 AM – Saturday Service remains the same.

NIGHT TO SHINE
 2/13 5 PM- 9 PM
Volunteers are needed – please email Beth and Clara at nts@friendshipcommunity.org

CPR/STOP THE BLEEDING CLASS
 Saturday, January 24th
 9 AM – 2 PM
 \$20/person
 Sign up at the Welcome Center
 See Steve Lyle for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE & BILLIARDS
 AT THE HOME OF LEO PROPPE
 1/30 AT 6:30 PM
 SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

WAYS TO GIVE
 Online at FriendshipCommunity.org
 Text [FCCDOVER](https://www.fccdover.org) to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483)
 During the service via the box located at back of the sanctuary
 Or by mail 3380 Fox Run Road
 Dover, PA 17315

Giving Update

Weekly Expenses	
Received Last Week:	\$7,161
Received YTD:	\$561,715
Building Fund	
Received Last Week:	\$2,902
Received YTD:	\$152,581
Missions Fund	
Received Last Week:	\$40
Received YTD:	\$12,761
Attendance (combined services)	
Last week:	216
Average Attendance:	292

Prayer lists and monthly birthday lists are available outside the church office.

THE ADVENT OF THE KING - Prepare the Way

Pastor Logan Ames

Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV) – In those days, John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near". This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him'".

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV) – "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken'".

Isaiah 39:5-7 (NIV) – Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord Almighty: The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the Lord. And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon"

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV) – "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord".

Exodus 26:9 (NIV) – "Join five of the curtains together into one set and the other six into another set. Fold the sixth curtain double at the front of the tent".

Luke 14:11 (NIV) – "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted".

Isaiah 39:8 (NIV) – "The word of the Lord you have spoken is good", Hezekiah replied. For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my lifetime".

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV) – "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ".

James 1:9-10 (AMP) – "Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his high position [as a born-again believer, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God]; and the rich man is to glory in being humbled [by trials revealing human frailty, knowing true riches are found in the grace of God], for like the flower of the grass he will pass away".

John 1:9-13 (NIV) – "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God".

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to"

– C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV) – "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time".

Revelation 3:15-18 (NIV) – "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing'. But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see".

Revelation 3:19-20 (NIV) – "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me".

Bottom Line – Key Points

1. When comfortable, we keep in mind God's judgment; when afflicted, we keep in mind His comfort.
2. It is through His Church that God brings comfort to those who are suffering in any troubles.
3. If our hearts are truly prepared for Jesus, then He is Lord over EVERY aspect of our lives.