

November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Kids Church during the sermon

Children should be picked up in their classrooms following the service

TEENS GRADES 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup>

Stay in for the whole service

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE  
DECORATING

12/1 @ 6 PM

*Ornament making for the kids and  
fellowship for adults. Join us!*

LADIES WINTER TEA

12/13 @ 11 AM

*Sign up at the Welcome Center – see  
Jodi Contreras for more information.*

KID'S CHRISTMAS  
PROGRAM

12/21 @ 10:45 am

*Join us for a shirt kid's Christmas  
program, refreshments will be  
provided.*

CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

12/24 at 5 & 7 PM

*Sign up at the Welcome Center to  
volunteer.*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM!

*Meet at the church – caroling in the  
Andover neighborhood.*

*Sign up at the Welcome Center – See  
Sandy Neff for more information.*

WOMEN 4 CHRIST 12/5 AT 6:30 PM

MEN'S BIBLE & BILLIARDS  
AT THE HOME OF LEO PROPPE  
12/12 AT 6:30 PM

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

WAYS TO GIVE

Online at [FriendshipCommunity.org](http://FriendshipCommunity.org)

Text [FCCGive](https://www.fccgiving.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: \$11,151

Received YTD: \$534,284

Building Fund

Received Last Week: \$6,265

Received YTD: \$142,673

Missions Fund

Received Last Week: \$264

Received YTD: \$12,486

Attendance (combined services)

Last week: 344

Average Attendance: 292

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



## THE ADVENT OF THE KING—Wait for It

Pastor Logan Ames

Hebrews 11:1-3 (NIV) – "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith, we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible".

*"God's not asking you to trust Him just because He says so.  
He's saying, 'Look around and understand that you can trust me'"*

– Logan Ames, *Heroes of the Faith*

1 Peter 3:14-16 (NIV) – "But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. 'Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened'. But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander".

Isaiah 8:11-13 (NIV) – This is what the Lord says to me with His strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people: "Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread".

*"We cannot always trace God's hand but we can always trust God's heart"*

– Charles Spurgeon

2 Kings 16:2-3 (NIV) – "Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. Unlike David his father, he did not do what was right in the eyes of the Lord his God. He followed the ways of the kings of Israel and even sacrificed his son in the fire, engaging in the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites".

Isaiah 7:4-9 (NIV) – "Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood – because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. Aram, Ephraim, and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it". Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all".

2 Kings 16:7-9 (NIV) – Ahaz sent messengers to say to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, "I am your servant and vassal. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Aram and of the king of Israel, who are attacking me". And Ahaz took the silver and gold found in the temple of the Lord and in the treasuries of the royal palace, and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria. The king of Assyria complied by attacking Damascus and capturing it. He deported its inhabitants to Kir and put Rezin to death.

Isaiah 7:10-14 (NIV) – Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights". But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test". Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel".

Isaiah 7:17 (NKJV) – "The Lord will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house – days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah".

*"It really is scary to think about how low we'll stoop or what we'll part with when we tread forward without God on our minds and hearts"*

– Sam Jordan

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV) – "Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past, He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan – the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned" – "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace, there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this".

Luke 1:28-33 (NIV) – The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you". Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end".

Revelation 2:24-25 (NIV) – "Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come".

Revelation 6:9-11 (NIV) – "When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, 'How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?' Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been".

### Bottom Line – Key Points

1. We should trust God not just because He tells us to, but because we can see what He has already done.
2. When you trust something other than God to give what only God can, the harm always outweighs the good.
3. Trusting in Christ's return is not about being alive when it happens, but living knowing it will.