

FIRST DEAF
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December 24, 2017

First Deaf Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader – Nelson Gehman
Song Leader – Bobbi Caley
Message – Chuck Snyder
Interpreter – Nancy Snyder
Greeters/Ushers – Jan Hoffer

First Deaf Church Life Activities Calendar

Dec. 31 - Pastor Chuck Snyder will preach/share during First Deaf worship.
Dec. 31 – Fellowship meal at noon for New Year’s Eve. (See signup sheet for food)
Jan. 3 and 17 – Bible study at Elizabeth Rohrer’s apt. 6:30 pm. (weather permitting)
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Pastor Chuck will preach/share during First Deaf worship.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE – December 17

Offerings/General Fund

First Deaf \$ 517.00
Witmer Heights \$4,115.77
S.S. Offering \$ 6.61

Attendance/Worship

First Deaf - 24
Witmer Heights - 74

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Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Jan. 8 – Worship Team meeting – 7:00 pm.
Jan. 10 – Community Night – Care packages and card-making for college students.
Jan. 17 – Elder Team meeting – 7:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE: During advent, please give any sharing time praise or prayer requests to the worship leader in advance, and she/he will be mentioned in the congregational prayer. **Worship Leader today is Randy Keener,**

December 24, 2017

Witmer Heights Worship - 10:40 a.m.

“Let it be new”

Focus Statement: We marvel at the vastness of God’s plan. We celebrate in exuberant praise what God has done and will continue to do.

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Chime & Silence
Light Advent Candles and Christ candle
Call to Worship

Praising/Hearing/Responding

Opening Hymn – *O Come all ye faithful*

Hymns and Lessons: The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Hymn – *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Hymn – *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*
Confession / Words of Assurance
Congregational prayer / Offering

Hymns and Lessons: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7
Hymns: *Away in a Manger, What Child is this, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Hymns and Lessons: Shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2:8-17
Hymns: *Angels We Have Heard on High, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Drama – “Let it be new”

Sending

Sending song – *Joy to the World*
Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Prelude/Offertory: Tricia Stoltzfus & Family **Song Leader:** Steve Stoltzfus

Worship Leader: Randy Keener **Scripture Reader:** Lorrie Stoltzfus

Drama: Bruce and Lane Plourde **Instrumentalists:** Terry Martin,
Alana, Donavon, Tricia Stoltzfus, Shelby Swartley

Offering Attendants: Mike /Angie Conrad **Greeters:** John/Mim Buckwalter