

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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**WE ARE CALLED TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD**

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Welcome & Announcements (Updates – Not in bulletin)

Worship Leader: Linda Maifair

Prelude:

Call to Worship:

L: Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy loads” (Matt 11:28).

C: So we come, with all our weariness and wariness.

**Our weariness with injustice,
our weariness with fake news,
our weariness with a world that seems determined to be hostile rather than welcoming.**

L: Our wariness of what it might mean to truly live out our call,

C: our wariness of how vulnerable our desire for openness might make us, our wariness of how safe it is to trust where trust has so often been misplaced.

All: Come, and find not just rest for your souls but energy to proclaim the “Good New of God”.

Special Music

Jeanne Bobenage

Welcome to Our World

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Linda & John Pitman

Carol

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Children’s Story: Pat Tritt

(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children’s Church)

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 2:1-15

Sharing and Prayer

Message:

Be The Good News

(Philippians 2:1-15)

Special Music

The Bell Choir

Still, Still, Still

Benediction:

Go now: wait and work for the coming of the day of God. In the wild places prepare a straight path for the Lord. Lead lives of holiness and godliness, strive to be found at peace, and speak freely of the Lord’s comfort and promise.

And may God our shepherd gather you in loving arms;
May Christ Jesus reconcile justice and peace within you;
And may the Holy Spirit baptize you into the life of God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Postlude**

***Stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will begin having choir rehearsals again on Wednesdays. Please bring your calendars so we can schedule when we can sing during Advent. Hope to see you at 7:00...Debbie

Men's weekly online Bible study is open to all. Contact Mike Strickler for link.

There will be a children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 19 during the usual meeting time. There will be short classes first and then a party in the fellowship hall with games, a craft, and refreshments. If there are any questions, please call Francine at 717-245-2951. Thank you.

Gloria thanks everyone who contributed cookies for the Truck Stop Ministry's Cookie Sharing for the Truckers. Also, thanks to those who helped pack the cookies into decorated bags. We were greeted with awe when the 8 large boxes of cookie bags arrived. We shared 164 bags, each containing 7 cookies....do the math! Thanks to you who participated in some way!

Nurture Commission is raising money for NYC through Rada Cutlery sales. See flyer on bulletin board if you would like to purchase an item (or two).

Because of the pandemic, Christian Aid Ministries will NO LONGER be collecting medicine containers. The containers that had been sent to various countries can no longer be shipped.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY, December 13, 2021

7:30-8:30 pm Men's Online Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2021

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, December 16, 2021

6:30 pm SOPA

SUNDAY, December 19, 2021

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service