

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 Young

Prelude:

Call to Worship: James 1:17, John 3:16

L: Every good and perfect gift: **is from God.**

C: For God so loved the world: **that he gave his one & only Son.**

L: That whoever believes in him: **shall not perish but have eternal life.**

C: For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the

L: world, **but to save the world through him.**

Opening Hymn: Joy to the World

Invocation:

Almighty God and Loving Father: We thank you for your presence here with us this morning. Nowhere was your desire and intention to be with us more clearly proven than that first Christmas when you gave us your one and only Son who came to be Immanuel, God with Us. May all we do within and beyond these walls honor and please you and help us know and serve you better. Use us and help us to be faithful and effective witnesses of your presence in our lives and in our hearts. That others may find the hope that we have found in knowing that you are good, you love us, you are with us, and because of that, we are never alone. Amen.

Children’s Story: Debbie Meenan

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

Scripture Lesson

Sharing and Prayer

Video: “Mary, Did You Know”

Message: The Gift

Closing Hymn: What Child Is This

Benediction:

Holy, Almighty, Loving God. Giver of all good gifts. Help us to go forth from this place, to move forth from Christmas, and share the truth and good news of the incarnate birth of your Son as freely, as limitlessly, as lovingly, as self-sacrificially, as you gave Him to us in the first place. To the good of others and to your glory. Amen.

***Postlude**

***Stand as you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Linda Maifair for filling the pulpit this morning. If there are any spiritual needs this week, please contact your deacon.

Lois Sollenberger would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and meals. They have meant so much to her during her recovery.

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).

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

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

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve, Office Closed

SUNDAY, January 2, 2021

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10:30 am Worship Service