

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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+Stand as you are able

Welcome:

Thought: “There is one thing higher than Royalty: and that is religion, which causes us to leave the world, and seek God.”
Elizabeth I

Prelude

+Call to worship:

One: Wrap us in the shawl of compassion, God of holiness, so that this season of goodness and giving might last longer than the after-Christmas sales.

ALL: SLIP OUR HANDS INTO THE GLOVES OF HUMILITY, BROTHER OF THE OVERLOOKED, SO WE MIGHT JOIN IN YOUR WORK OF REBUILDING COMMUNITIES, FEEDING THE HUNGRY, EMBRACING THE OUTSIDERS.

One: Teach us your patient ways, Wisdom from on high, so we would learn to notice what we have in common with others, rather than what divides us; so we might offer kindness in the face of bitterness and hurt.

ALL: MAY ALL WE DO WITH OUR HANDS, OUR HEARTS, OUR MINDS, OUR FEET, OUR LIVES BE DONE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, NEWLY BORN SAVIOR, KING OF KINGS AND CARPENTER’S CHILD. *

+Songbook Welcome to our world,

No. 66

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings:

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Offertory

+Hymnal: Away in a Manger,

No. 194 vs. 3

Dedication Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 1: 1-17

Insert: Once in Royal David’s City

Juniors Dismissed for Junior Church

Message: Who are your ancestors? Pastor Marla

Special Music Video: Presented by Mike Ditmer

Community Sharing

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Insert: There’s a song in the air

Let us go to praise our God!

We will sing of God’s hope as we offer compassion to the hurting.

Let us go to praise the Brother of the poor!

We will offer psalms of passion as we seek to lift others to new life.

Let us go to praise the Spirit of humility.

We will join in canticles of conciliation and peace for our broken world.

Postlude

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*Thom M. Shuman <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 6: Bread & Cup Communion

January 19: Celebrating the 30th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Event: Meet at 2:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of East High and North Hanover Streets in Carlisle and march to the Old Courthouse on the Square for a MLK Celebration Program at 3:00 pm. Service at 4:00 pm at St. John's Episcopal Church; Keynote Speaker, Dr. Todd Allen, and music by United Voices of Praise from Gospel Choir Messiah College. Reception immediately following. See flyer on bulletin board.

January 22: Cross Keys Poetry Writing Workshop

January 30: Cross Keys Adventures in Air Traffic Control -

The Music and Worship commission is in need of a person to be the head usher one Sunday a month. Please see Pat Tritt for a full job description.

Jeff Wallace, son of Lyle and Mary Jane King, is celebrating his 50th birthday on January 18th. We would like to have a card shower for him. Please mail cards to Manor Care, Room 133A, 940 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, PA 17015.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service

MONDAY, December 31

New Year's Eve!

TUESDAY, January 1

New Year's Day!
1:00 pm Quilting

WEDNESDAY, January 2

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, January 6

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am *Sermon* The Magi visit the infant Jesus; flight into Egypt, massacre of the innocents, the return to Nazareth.

