

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

THOUGHT FOR CONSIDERATION

"It's a matter of taking the side of the weak against the strong, something the best people have always done." ~Harriet Beecher Stowe

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all Creation,

ALL: WHAT DO YOU REQUIRE OF US?

One: to do justice,

ALL: SEEKING PEACE & RECONCILIATION, STANDING WITH THE MARGINALIZED AND FORGOTTEN

One: to love kindness

ALL: SHOWING COMPASSION AND UNCONDITIONAL CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED

One: to walk humbly

ALL: FOLLOWING IN THE STEPS OF JESUS, LIFTING UP NOT THE WORK OF OUR HANDS BUT THE POWER THAT SUSTAINS OUR SERVICE.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are Your People, O Lord!

Choir

By: Don Besig and Nancy Price

PRAYER

SHARING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Sometimes we admit that we put other things above you in our lives. We say we long for you, but we actually long for more money and more comfort. Lord, help our hearts not remain captive to anything but you.

OFFERTORY Special offering for District/Brotherhood

HYMNAL O Healing River

No. 372 vs 1 & 2

PRAYER

CONFESSION

One: Lord, you gave us arms that we might reach out to those who suffer; but too often we keep them wrapped around ourselves.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

One: Lord, you gave us feet that we might take the first step toward those who feel alone, afraid, oppressed; but too often we stay planted where we are most comfortable.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

One: Lord, you gave us ears that we might hear the stories people tell to know your work in their lives, or the ways they've been denied justice; but too often we fail to listen.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

One: Lord, you gave us minds that we might understand the brokenness of the world and be inspired to imagine a new way to live; but too often we are distracted, disinterested, disengaged.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

One: Lord, you gave us mouths that we might tell your truth in the world, that we might speak for justice where voices have been silenced; but too often we use our words to harm and not to build, or we remain silent, afraid of being judged.

ALL: LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.

SONGBOOK The Heart of Worship **No. 58 (Video)**

SCRIPTURE Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24

SONGBOOK We Fall Down **No. 65**

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

MESSAGE How Worship is related to Justice **Pastor Marla**

COMMUNITY SHARING

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

HYMNAL For the Healing of the Nations **No. 367**

CHALLENGE

Now, go forth from this place with renewed inspiration to the work of God. Seek good, not evil, love goodness, and establish justice. This is the greatest offering we can make; letting justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream. Go in peace, with love for our neighbors.

POSTLUDE

*<http://www.brethren.org/bvs/files/service-sunday-2009-worship.pdf>.

Beth Merrill, Phyllis Tenney, BVS volunteers

**<https://www.reformedworship.org/article/june-2014/just-amos>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - There will be a special offering for the District/Brotherhood. Also, there will be a pot luck luncheon and Deacon meeting immediately following worship.

November 19 - We will be collecting the Christmas Shoeboxes. Your gift will really make a difference in a child's life.

November 19 - The Sonbeam's Class will be asking for donations of cookies (bought or homemade) to be brought to the church kitchen between November 19th and November 25th. The Class will be bagging the cookies on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour on the 26th. We would appreciate your help with cookies, lots of cookies, which will be donated to the Truck Stop Ministry on the 27th. Thanks!

November 22 - The Carlisle Area Religious Council will sponsor the community Thanksgiving service at The Meeting House, 1155 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle at 7:00 pm. We hope you can attend.

November 25 - We will again be ringing the Salvation Army Kettle Bells. We will be ringing the bells from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Point Mall, outside of the Bon Ton. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board. There are still a few open time slots. Please check your calendar and see if you can help out with this project. Thanks.

November 22 - 26 - Marla and Jim will be on vacation. Please see you Deacon or Cluster leader if you have any issues.

November 26 - Rev. Harold Yeager will be the guest speaker during worship service.

November 29 - Senior Citizen Day at Camp Eder beginning at 9:30 am. This month guest Kerry White will provide a musical comedy in the morning. A home-style lunch: roasted turkey breast w/stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, side salad, dinner rolls, and apple pie. In the afternoon there will be holiday activities. The cost is \$18 per person which includes all activities and lunch. RSVP to 717-642-8256 or online at campeder@campeder.org

November 30 - The last Birthday Breakfast of this year has been switched from the last Wednesday of the month to Thursday, and will be held at Carlisle Diner at 9:00 am.

December 10 - A Christmas Tea is being planned for Women's Fellowship. This will replace the Annual Christmas Banquet. The Christmas Tea will be held following the Worship Service. If anyone would like to help prepare some of the parts of the tea, such as a soup, a salad, a dessert, sandwiches, scones, see Gloria as she has some recipes to use. Everyone will be asked to bring a tea cup for their tea sampling. If anyone has teapots to share with us for this tea party, please let Gloria know. She would appreciate help with this gathering. In addition, Secret Sisters will meet directly after the tea to exchange their gifts. An invitation will be forthcoming in the next couple weeks.

Glenna Trimmer would like to thank her church family for all the loving concern and beautiful cards she received on the passing of Ed Farner.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, November 12

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

Special Offering for the District/Brotherhood

WEDNESDAY, November 15

10:00 am District Nominating Committee

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 18

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm CCNS Movie Night

SUNDAY, November 19

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

Collection of the Christmas Shoeboxes

Message - Isaiah 9: 1-7

Scripture - A Child Is Born