

**FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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**October 17, 2021**

**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:** Ike Tritt

**Prelude:**

**Call to Worship:**

L: Though the way seems long and the road rough

**P: yet will we trust the One who leads us.**

L: Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

**P: yet will we place our lives in Christ's loving care.**

L: It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls.

**P: It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. Praise be to Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**Invocation:**

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. For we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

**Opening Hymn:** Songbook 62 There Shall Be Showers of Blessing

**Children's Story:** Debbie Meenan  
(Immediately following the story, the children are invited to attend Children's Church)

**Scripture Lesson:** Showing Up (Participation)  
(Acts 2:42-47)

**A Time of Sharing**

**Morning Prayer**

**Moments for Missions:** Literacy for All, Henry Hauser

**Sermon:** Participation  
(Acts 2:42-27, 1 Cor. 12:27, Eph. 5:18-19)

**Closing Hymn:** Hymn# 420 Heart with Loving Heart United

**Benediction:** Come through the gate of joy and hope, moving into the world that needs to hear the words of peace. Go in peace to all God's people, bringing good news of Christ's abundant love for them. AMEN.

**\*Postlude**

**\*Stand as you are able**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bus Trip** to Bible Museum in Washington, DC on **Friday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Bus departs at 8:00 am from Chambersburg COB, 260 S. Fourth Street, Chambersburg - \$50. Meals on your own - café in the museum. Please see print-out on bulletin board or call (717) 264-6957 for more information.

Following worship service on **October 24** there will be lunch and a bucket packing party for Clean-up Kits. Please sign up today so we have enough food to serve lunch to everyone. Thanks ...  
Gloria

It's that time of year again; time to start packing shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child**. Shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Inside each box is a paper with suggestions of things to put in the boxes. The deadline for returning the boxes is Sunday, November 21. You can spread the word on Facebook to see if anyone would like to fill a box for us.

Music and Worship is asking for volunteers for Sunday **worship leaders**. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Hazardous Waste:** Cumberland County has a Household Hazardous Waste Program with Collection Events - Recycling Center, 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA.

Date: Thursday, October 28 from 11am - 5pm

The Nurture Commission is having a Church Lunch on **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>** @ 12:00 noon at Red Robin. Please sign on the sign-up sheet if you would like to go.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### TODAY

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

### WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2021

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, October 21, 2021

1:00 pm Quilting Group

### SUNDAY, October 24, 2021

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Lunch & Bucket Packing Day