

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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

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**Welcome and Announcements not printed in the
Bulletin**

(Please review your bulletin for pre-printed announcements.)

Worship Leader: Linda Young

Prelude: “Jesus Loves Me”

Debbie Meenan

Arranged by Marian Talley

Call to Worship:

The spirit of God calls us from many places;
some of us come from busy homes with many people
some of us live alone.

We are a part of the family.

This week has been different for each of us;
some of us have had happy news we want to celebrate
some of us have faced grief and need to cry.

We are members of God’s family.

Yet we all come to this same place;
all of us seeking God’s presence in our lives
all of us seeking God’s presence with each other.
Together we become God’s family.

Invocation:

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from your hands, and gave it to us. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We thank you for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for stepmoms.

Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those people present who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

(All mothers, women, and girls are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a blessing through prayer and the laying on of hands.)

Prayer of blessing: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. We thank you for the many examples of faithful mothers in scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. Hear now the first names of other women who have inspired us by their motherly examples . . . We are mindful this day of all these women, and especially Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who had the courage in faith to say "yes" to your calling. May these women gathered here today emulate these examples of faith. And may they model for all the rest of us what it means to be your disciple. Bless them on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Special Recognition of Mothers

Opening Hymn: In the Garden

Children's Story: Dave Wampler
(The children are invited to attend Children's Church.)

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 23:1-12

Joys, Concerns, & Morning Prayer

Offertory:

Prayer

Congregational response: We Give Thee But Thine Own
(384, v.1)

Message: The Paddle
(Matthew 23)

Closing Hymn: When We Walk with the Lord (544)

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the May newsletter's "Our Record of Faithfulness," the amount for the General Fund YTD read \$17,350 but it should have been \$31,234.17. I apologize for this error. ~ Judy, office secretary

For **everyone!** On **May 19** there will be a celebration and brunch/lunch following worship. A program by the Song & Dance Guy will start at 1:30. A donation of \$10 per family and friend(s) is requested.

We're collecting **band-aids and small cakes of soap** during the month of May for Operation Christmas Child. A basket is located under the offering table.

The 75th Annual **Women's Camp Retreat** is being held at Camp Eder on June 3rd & 4th. The guest speaker is Gretchen Sortzi. Information & registration forms are on the bulletin board.

Just a reminder from Music and Worship:

If you have joys or concerns that you'd like to share with the congregation, please hand them to Pastor Doug before the beginning of worship. He will collect and read them during our time of sharing.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY -May 12, 2024

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

MONDAY, May 13, 2024

9:30-10:45 am CCNS in sanctuary

TUESDAY, May 14, 2024

4:30-9:00 pm Carlisle Karate
7:00 pm Stewards

WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2024

Noon Ladies' Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 16, 2024

9:30 am CCNS Graduation – Last Day!
4:30-9:00 pm Carlisle Karate

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Mothers' & Fathers' Day Luncheon
1:00 pm gym Craig Caltagirone Song & Dance

Upcoming Events:

May 23 Men's Breakfast @ Sunnyside
May 26 Lunch at TJ Rockwell, Mechanicsburg
June 9 Strawberry Social @ noon