



First
Sunday of Advent

Mountville Church of the Brethren

November 29, 2020

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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*Fostering growth in faith,
growth in community, and growth in service.*

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GATHERING

In response to God's call to us we gather for worship feeling accepted and loved. We invoke God's presence, knowing that God is already here.

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you this first Sunday of Advent. As we come to worship this day, come waiting with eager expectation for God to move in our midst. May we be receptive to God's leading in our worship and in our daily living.

PRELUDE

Advent Noel

Chaubet

CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

*Come, people of God! Prepare for the Advent of our Savior.
Come, celebrating that God's promises are true.
Come, worship the one who offers us the gift of life,
Who calls us into the fellowship of Jesus Christ.
Come, for God is faithful!*

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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INVOCATION^{^^}

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – HOPE

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. Let this candle stand for hope based, not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift. In the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope. Indeed, we are a people of hope! God is faithful!

PRAYER

SHARING IN THE MINISTRY OF PUPPETS
"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

Through silence, music and the spoken word we engage in a conversation with God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *Prepare* Peterson

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

We are called to respond in some concrete way to God's spoken Word. Stewardship includes the giving of not only our money but also ourselves.

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, as we eagerly await the coming of the Christmas season, we prayerfully remember the coming of your son, Jesus Christ. Receive the gifts we bring as part of our joyful response to your great Gift to us. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

God speaks to us through the Word and the interpretation of the Word.

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37 **NT 50-51**

SERMON *Keep Awake!* Pastor Detrick

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

We have come to worship. Now as newly created people, we go forth to serve. We respond to God.

HYMN *O, How Shall I Receive Thee* 182

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christians' Be Joyful* arr. Ritter

^Adapted from an advent litany by Mark and Mary Jo Flory-Steury

^^Judith Kipp Gibble, retired pastor

Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Lois Silver
Special Music	Bob Huber, Dottie Light, Kathy Long, Don Wagner
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330

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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

Prayer Ministry

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:16b)

Marian Bollinger, Charlotte Bouscher, Lyn Brubaker, Ed Crafton, Bertha Finkbiner, Mary Finkbiner, Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze, Janelle Fitze, Brett & Sandee Hart, Kirsten Hart, Joyce Kerns, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lew & Fay Powell, Karen Strine, Linda Weber, and Charlie Worrall.

Thank you to the best church family anyone could have. The flowers, cards and homemade bread came at just the right time and really were a pick me up when I was down. - Joyce Kerns

COOKIES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE'S FIRST CHRISTKINDL MARKET

Hello Cookie Bakers! If you would enjoy spreading some holiday cheer for the residents and staff of Brethren Village, please consider baking cookies and putting them in the church kitchen, marked: Brethren Village, on **Thursday, December 3 by 12 noon. Also, please mark cookies with nuts or nut butters.** Volunteers are needed to staff the outdoor cookie tent on Saturday, December 5 in shifts from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call Volunteer Services at 717-581-4271 if interested. Proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Fund, a fund to help residents who have depleted their financial assets. See the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board or contact Nancy Hess: 717-898-3959. Thanks!

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer

Mon: 6:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Downstairs

Next Sunday, December 6, 2020

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

- The adult class will begin the guide to Advent series, "Light of the World," by Professor and Author Amy Jill-Levine, which explores the biblical texts surrounding the birth of Jesus and the Gospels' tidings of comfort and joy as sources of rich spiritual contemplation. Walt VanderHeijden will be leading the class. Electronic means to be announced.

10:15 a.m. We gather to worship God

December 6 is the Second Sunday of Advent. Pastor Joe will preach "No Camel Hair Coat for Me!" Read Mark 1:1-8 and Luke 1:5-25. The theme is Repentance is good news! Forgiveness can be received. The Quartet of Bob Huber, Bill Kepner, Phyllis Kepner and Dianna Zimmerman will provide special music.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

The 2020 Advent devotionals "Give Light" by James Benedict, are now available on the table inside parking lot door entrance along with a limited number of large print copies.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDARS will be available Sunday, November 29, 2020 on the table in the narthex.

The December-January-February issue of OUR DAILY BREAD are also on the table inside the parking lot doors. Large print copies will arrive in the near future.

STATISTICS for November 22, 2020

Received for General Fund	\$ 3,045.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	
Seasonal Flowers	104.50
Global Food Initiative	220.00
Kits	10.00
Ott Music Fund	250.00
Beth Shalom	500.00
Mountville Elementary Gifts	835.00

Worship: 53 Sunday School: 13

A Bit of Christmas Cheer

The Deacon's Health Ministry Team invites you to help spread the love of Christ this Christmas by giving Christmas cards to members of our congregation who are going through a rough time or who are unable to attend church regularly (see below). Gift bags are inside the parking lot door entrance from November 29 - December 13. If you are able to deliver a bag between December 13 - 25, please indicate that by signing your name on the sheet by the gift bags. This small gesture of a card and a visit means so very much to those who receive them. Thank you for your participation!

Alta Bantz

Flora Jean Beam

Gretchen Brock

Marty Bushong

Ray Enders

Lloyd & Bertha Finkbiner

Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze

Gene & Linda Ott Gerber

Kirsten Hart

Kathy Lenox

Lew & Fay Powell

Isabelle Rudisill

Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh

Gene & Barbara Swords

Margaret Trimble

Mary Jane Winters

Mark & Brenda Yoh

Mission Statement

The Mountville Church of the Brethren invites all children, youth, and adults to connect with Jesus Christ through meaningful worship, engaging spiritual growth opportunities, caring fellowship, practical peace-making, and compassionate service to local and and global neighbors.