

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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December 27, 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.

CHIMES

WELCOME

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

HYMN *To Us a Child of Hope is Born* **189**

INVOCATION

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation 19:6-9

HYMN *Jesus Christ, God's Only Son* **40**

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Doesn't Care* Allman
There is Always a Place at the Table Gaithers, Gatlin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2-7
Isaiah 11:1-9

SERMON

Peace on the Mountain

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 our selves.*

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY PRAYER^^

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Christmas Day in the Morn* arr. Harris

^Rainsley, Glen. Hear Our Prayer. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1996. 6-7, adapted.

^^Ibid. 148, adapted.

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2021 contribution envelopes are on the table inside the church parking lot doors. Please pick yours up when you come by. If you have friends, neighbors, or someone in your development that you will be seeing, please pick theirs up too. Any help getting everyone their

Large print copies of OUR DAILY BREAD are now available on the table by the parking lot entrance. Please note these are for January-February-March 2021.

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.

Serving You Today

STATISTICS will appear in January bulletin.

Zoom Adult Sunday School: 16

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Guest Preacher	Jeff Bach
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Forrest Collier
Special Music	Jim & Wendy Allshouse
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, Brenda Hutchins Yoh, Lynn Landis, Ruth Moses, Lew & Fay Powell, Miriam Sampsel, Karen Strine, and Linda Weber.

Thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards I got. It made me very happy! - Mary Jane Winters

We welcome Rev. Dr. Jeff Bach as our guest preacher today. Rev. Dr. Bach recently retired from serving as the director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College where he worked from 2007-2020. He taught for 13 years at Bethany Theological Seminary and was pastor of the Prairie City Church of the Brethren in Iowa for 7 years. He is a member at Stevens Hill Church of the Brethren and is an ordained minister. He and his wife, Ann Mason Bach, have two daughters and live in Mount Joy.

Many thanks to Jim and Wendy Allshouse for providing special music during today's service.

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer
Tues: 7:00 p.m. – The New Group, Hospitality Room

Next Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:00-9:50 a.m. Christian Education

You are invited to the online Seekers Sunday school session beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom, where we will examine the message for each of us in the life of this flawed but faithful follower of Christ, using the Adam Hamilton series “Simon Peter, Flawed, but Faithful”. *The Call of Simon the Fisherman* is the topic for January 3 with Walt VanderHeijden. If you have a computer, simply go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9102712038?pwd=UG5YUGo5TzJQVC83Z3dZYURueDNmdz09>

If you have a smartphone or table, you will need to install the Zoom app before joining the session.

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

Interim Pastor Joe will preach *Followed a Star - Found a Stable!* from Matthew 2:1-12. Communion will be taken and special music will be provided by Ben Kendal.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

Interim Pastor Joe will only be in the church office Monday, December 28; Jackie Sands will be back in the office January 4. Please call a deacon or Nancy Hess if you have a pastoral care need. Thank you.

2021 CHURCH DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED

Please take a moment to look over your 2020 church directory to see if your information is correct. If it isn't, please call or email the church office with your new information or anything you would like added, i.e. email address or cell phone number, by January 4, 2021. Thank you.