

Mountville Church of the Brethren



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January 17, 2021

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 *My Lord What a Morning* arr. Lau

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, worship the God of salvation, with song, prayer, and love-filled actions. Open your heart to truly listen for the Word of hope that God speaks to you. May God's gracious presence guide our paths in this world.

HYMN *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* 13

INVOCATION

Come, Lord Jesus, be present in this worship, in our lives, and in our world as we humbly seek your Way. Equip us to be messengers of your peace, agents of your love, and champions of justice as we open our hearts and eagerly listen for your Good News this day. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Sun of my Soul* arr. Dan Forrest, Jr.

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

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

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* 517

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

SERMON *Open Heart...Eager Listening*

HYMN *O Young and Fearless Prophet* **374**

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^

In our giving, let us offer to God more than support of a church. Let us offer ourselves for the healing of the nations.

Let us pray: For the people you have given us to love, for the tasks you have called us to do, we give thanks, gracious God. Our offerings are a measure of our faith and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, that your way of hope and love may be realized in the places where we live and those far beyond our personal reach. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom

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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 *Fantasia in C* arr. Callahan

^Bayler, Lavon. Gathered By Love. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1994. 97, modified.

CONGREGATIONAL FORUM

Our February 7 Congregational Forum to call our pastoral candidate will replace the February 28 Forum. The Forum will begin immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. Normal end of year reports will be available on February 7. Please let the church office know if you would like one sent to you.

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.

STATISTICS for January 3-10, 2021

Received for General Fund\$ 10,087.00

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund60.00
Global Food Initiative290.00
Youth Fellowship.....40.00
Christmas Eve Offering2,250.00

Zoom Adult Sunday School: 21

THIS WEEK

Today: 12:30 p.m. – Un Nuevo Renacer, Sanctuary

Thurs: 7:00 p.m. – Leadership Team mtg.

Next Sunday, January 24, 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”. *I Will Not Deny You* is the topic for January 24. If you have a computer, simply go to:

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

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

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

This coming January 18 to 25 is the annual Week of Christian Unity culminating on Christian Unity Sunday, January 24. The sermon topic will be *You are Witnesses of These Things* taken from Luke 24:48. Additional scripture reading for your reflection: Luke 24:44-49; John 17:20, 21; and Mark 9:38-41. Phyllis Kepner will lead worship and special music will be provided.

Serving You Today

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Interim Pastor	Joe Detrick
Guest Preacher	Nancy Hess
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	Catherine Repkoe
Special Music	Janice Booz, Larry Booz, Ginny Hart, Bob Huber
Prayer Chain	Mary Finkbiner, 717-581-5767 Linda Bushong, 717-898-3330

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Prayer Ministry

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

Julie Ament, Bertha Finkbiner, Brett & Sandee Hart, Edna McDonald, and Ruth Moses.

The wonderfully decorated sack of Christmas cards that were left at our apartment were so heart warming during this pandemic period. The personal notes conveyed love and compassion in our fellowship as we celebrate the hymn “Joy to the World”.

- Vernon and Angela Stinebaugh

To my wonderful church family, Many, many thanks for all the cards, phone calls and “treats” for my 80th birthday. It was a great surprise! Thanks so very much! – Ruthie Bushong

The CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020 were mailed this week. If you don’t receive it, need another copy, or have any questions, please contact Linda Weber.

JANUARY FOOD CART ITEMS GOES TO HEMPFIELD PANTRY

The Hempfield Pantry is in need of the following items: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, jelly, peanut butter, canned pears, canned peaches, instant oatmeal, and regular oatmeal. Thank you!