

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



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

November 28, 2021 10:15 a.m.

**Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth.
Large print bulletins and hymnals are available in the narthex.
*Congregation stands in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Reflection on an Ancient Plain Song* arr. Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.
Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety.

*HYMN *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* 178

*INVOCATION^{^^}

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COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 738

PRAYER OF YEARNING^{^^^}

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Bless'd be the God of Israel* 174

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^^}

OFFERTORY *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY 119A

*OFFERTORY PRAYER[^]

PROCLAIMING

SPECIAL MUSIC *An Advent Song* Martin

SERMON *Where There is Hope* Rev. Angela Finet

SENDING

*HYMN *Oh, how shall I receive thee?* 182

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Gloria Peru* Porter

[^]Bartlett, David L. et al. *Feasting on the Word: A Thematic Resource for Preaching and Worship, Advent Companion* (Westminster John Knox Press: Louisville, KY. 2014) pp 2-4.

^{^^}Bread for the World website. <https://www.bread.org/blog/advent-hopeful-prayer> Published December 3, 2017. Used with permission.

^{^^^}Guite, Malcolm. *Sounding the Seasons* (Canterbury Press Norwich: Norfolk, UK. 2012) p13.

^{^^^^}Harader, Joanna. Spacious Faith Blog <https://spaciousfaith.com/2017/12/01/offertory-prayers-for-advent/> Published December 1, 2017. Used with permission. Adapted.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHORAL INTRODUCTION *Kindle a Flame**

Musical score for the Choral Introduction of 'Kindle a Flame'. The score is in 2/2 time, key of D major (two sharps), and consists of two systems of vocal and piano parts. The lyrics are: 'Kin - dle a flame to light - en the dark and take all fear a - way.' The piano accompaniment features block chords and sustained notes.

RESPONSIVE LITANY

When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight.

In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope.

When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight.

In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope.

Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven.

Do not be afraid! God's hope is at hand!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN

Congregation, please sing as directed.

**Kindle a Flame*: Hymnal Supplement, pg. 1034

DO NOT
BE
AFRAID

Have Hope

A silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and sheep against a starry night sky with a purple and blue gradient.

Prayer Ministry Updates

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

Please add the following people to your prayer list:

- Barry and Wendy Lauver and family on the death of Barry's father, Robbie, who passed away Friday, November 12.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for the Ephrata COB. Cornerstone, Lebanon, is praying for us.

LET'S FILL THE TRUCK FOR THE COLUMBIA FOOD BANK

Dayspring Christian Academy and the Mountville Lion's Club are partnering together to support the Columbia Food Bank by hosting a one-day food drive on Tuesday, December 7 from 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Local residents can drive right up and drop off their donations in the truck parked in the Mountville Church of the Brethren's parking lot. No expired foods will be accepted by the Columbia Food Bank. The Mountville Lion's Club, Dayspring's National Honor Society, and Student Government will be on hand all day to help load your donations onto the truck! Used eyeglasses also welcomed.

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 will be placed outside the Hospitality Room from December 5 - 12. If you are able to deliver a bag between December 12 - 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
Dan Bare
Flora Jean Beam
Gretchen Brock
Marty Bushong
Lloyd Finkbiner
Gene & Linda Ott Gerber
John & Louise Graham

Jay & Jane Darlene Fitze
Lew & Fay Powell
Isabelle Rudisill
Vernon & Angela Stinebaugh
Gene & Barbara Swords
Margie Trimble
Mary Jane Winters
Mark & Brenda Yoh

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CAROL SING

Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.

Free

Mountville Church of the Brethren

Once again the Mountville Welfare Association will sponsor a Community Christmas Concert and Christmas Carol sing. The Band will be made up of local professional musicians from the area and play Christmas arrangements as well as accompany the Christmas carol sing. Please join us for this free concert to help you prepare for Christmas.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR BRETHERN VILLAGE'S 2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR December 4, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hello Cookie Bakers! If you would enjoy spreading some holiday cheer for the residents and staff of Brethren Village, please consider baking cookies. Cookies are being accepted at 505 Airport Rd., Lititz at the white building with Marketing & Development sign out front, directly across from the airport. Please drop them off December 2nd 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and December 3rd 8:30 a.m. – noon. Please label your cookies with nuts, without nuts, without sugar.

There will be handcrafted gifts made by BV residents including jewelry, ceramics, quilts, wooden items, etc. in the Wolfe Auditorium. The Village Gift Shop will have holiday gift items for purchase as well.

The HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY receives our **November Food Cart and monetary donations**. They are need of the following items: Cereal, small and large oatmeal, instant oatmeal, canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, canned corn, canned peas, canned green beans, large and small jelly, canned chicken noodle soup, canned peaches, canned mixed fruit, and canned mandarin oranges. Please remember no outdated, glass items or non-perishables, i.e. bread, rolls, etc. Thank you!