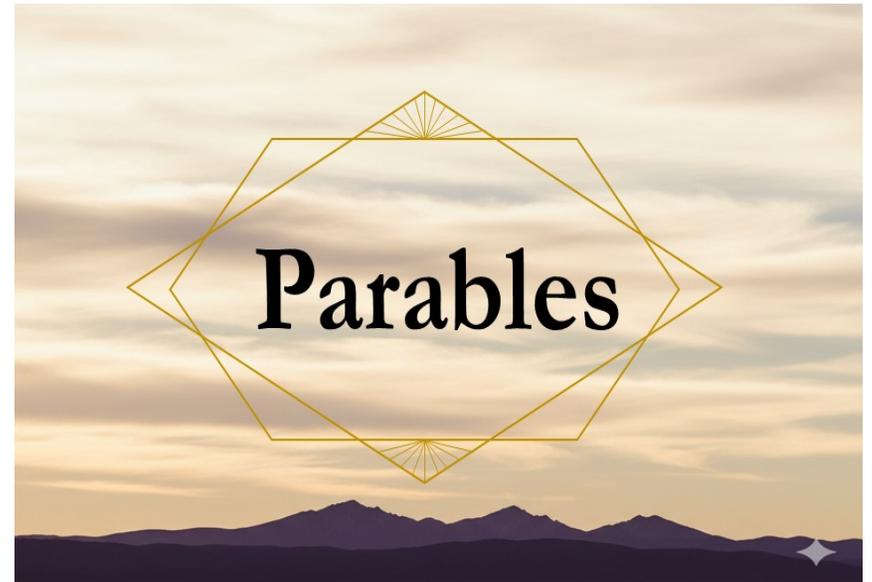


Mountville Church of the Brethren



November 23, 2025

Worship 10:15 a.m.

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FRIDAYS ARE PASTOR ANGELA'S SABBATH

Friday's prayer concerns should be directed to Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine. If you want to leave a non-urgent message for Pastor Angela on Fridays or any day after 9:00 p.m., please send an email rather than a text. She keeps her phone on 24/7 for emergencies.

MOUNTVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN



*In joyful community, we follow Jesus to
embody God's love with all our neighbors.*

November 23, 2025 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.**

GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* arr. Bock

***CALL TO WORSHIP[^]**

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

When it is grown, it is a very large tree.

Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

**Holy One, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us
that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name.**

Amen.

*HYMN *Seek ye first the kingdom of God* 324

*INVOCATION^{^^}

RECEIVE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:31-32 NT 14

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come, Ye Thankful People* Nolan
Children ages 4-6th grade are invited to worship downstairs.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

RESPOND

HYMN *To what can the kingdom of God be compared?* Overhead
(To the tune of #102 To God be the glory)

INVITATION TO GIVE^{^^^}

OFFERTORY *Ein Feste Burg* Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY *Paise God from whom* vs. 2 119

*PRAYER OF BLESSING^{^^^^}

PROCLAIM

MESSAGE *A small nuisance* Rev. Angela Finet

*HYMN *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah* 50

SEND

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Voluntary* Elgar

[^] Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters*. <https://ministrymatters.com/2020-06-10-worship-connection-proper-12-a1/> Adapted.

^{^^} Townley, Nancy C. *Ministry Matters*. <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/05/opening-prayer-mark-4.html>

^{^^^} Ellis, Karin. *The Abingdon Worship Manual 2020*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2019). Pg. 164. Adapted.

^{^^^^} Beu, Michael. *The Abingdon Worship Manual 2023*. (Abingdon Press: Nashville, TN, 2022). Pg. 141.

Please remember to sign the attendance pads.

STATISTICS for November 23, 2025

Received for: General Fund	\$ 3,548.25
Room Use:	175.00
DESIGNATED FUND	
Kathy VanderHeijden Social Justice Fund	40.00
Global Food Initiative	100.00
Poinsettias	65.00
Children’s Ministry	20.00
Food Bank.....	405.00
Brethren Housing Association	100.00

Worship in Person: 87 Online: 37 Sunday School: 34

THIS WEEK

- Today: 10:15 a.m. – Worship, Sanctuary
- Tues: 7:00 p.m. – Scripture Chat, Rm. 102 and Zoom
- Wed: NO Stitch ‘n Sew ‘n Share
NO Chancel Choir
- Thurs: Thanksgiving Day, Church Office closed

Next Sunday, November 30, 2025

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

- Adult Sunday School studies meets in Room 102 and will continue to look at Peace and Justice issues.
- Birth through pre-K meets in the nursery, room 122.
- Elementary class for grades K-6 meets in room 123.
- Jr. High class meets in room 100.

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

Next Sunday Pastor Angela shares “Vigilant Hope” from Isaiah 2:1-5. Lois Silver is the worship leader and the Chancel Choir sings.

Nursery is available in room 122.

Children’s Worship:

Children will begin worship in the sanctuary with their families. Those ages 4 - 6th grade are invited to join the Children's Worship Leaders at the back of the sanctuary at the designated time for their own special worship.

In God’s Service Today

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Ministers	ALL of Us
Pastor	Rev. Angela Finet
Music Director	John Hess
Organist	Gloria Hess
Worship Leader	John Musser
Ushers	Jerry Bushong, Barry Lauver, Harry Light, Daryl Strine
Choral Anthem	Chancel Choir
Children’s Ministry	Joyce Kerns, Tess Wolford
Nursery	Lori Lauver
Greeters	Bob & Heidi Keller, Glen Bushong, Charlie Worrall
Prayer Chain	Cathy Funderwhite, Karen Strine
Security	Pete Musser
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The flowers in the worship center are given to the glory and honor of God.

We want to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to our dear church family. We enjoy being with everyone. We love you all! - Lynn & Molly

SCRIPTURE CHAT

We will gather by Zoom and in room 102 each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Scripture Chat. This week’s scripture is Isaiah 2:1-5. The link will be sent each Tuesday morning. Everyone is welcome. All you need is a Bible, or one can be provided to you.

MOUNTVILLE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

You can help neighbors in need this Christmas season by stopping by the narthex after worship NEXT Sunday, November 30 and picking up a paper mitten gift wish. Wished for items will be printed on paper mittens and will include items such as toys, clothing, and household goods. If you prefer not to shop or we run out of mittens and you’d still like to help, you can put your gift of cash or check in a pew envelope and mark it for Mountville Elementary.

Prayer Ministry Update

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

From the Pastoral Relations Team: Loving Parent God: Our hearts overflow with gratitude as we joyfully accept the invitation to your table of grace. Bless Pastor Angela, our leadership, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and all who support and sustain us. Together we celebrate this loving family of faith and know that...together...we are strong for your Kingdom work. Amen. - Pastoral Relations Team

Please include the following people in your prayers:

- Louise, Lew & Fay, John, the Fitze family, and Nick.
- Joe Buohl as he continues his ministry training.
- Please pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Pakistan, India, Ukraine, Nigeria, Haiti, Sudan, Venezuela, and around the world.
- Pray for the people in Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.
- District Prayers: Today we are praying for Harmonyville COB. Heidelberg COB is praying for us.

NARTHEX DISPLAY CASES

Do you have a Nativity Set that you would like to share and display in the narthex during the advent season? If you would like to participate, please bring your Nativity to the church office by November 30 and enjoy the display through the Advent and Christmas season.

PICK UP AN ADVENT CALENDAR!

Advent calendars are available on the narthex table today. Advent begins November 30. These advent calendars invite families to participate in activities for each day during advent. Please pick up a calendar and mark those days and activities as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth. Everyone is welcome to participate!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The 2025 Advent devotionals "Word Among Us" by John Fillmore are now available on the narthex table along with a few large print copies.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day, Office closed.

Dec. 7: Community Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 7: Christmas Supper & Carol Sing, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 8: Blue Christmas Service at Concordia Lutheran, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 13: Men's & Women's Breakfasts @ Black Olive Diner, 9:00 am

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Hempfield Area Food Bank receives our November Food Cart items. These can be placed in the cart in the lower entrance by the elevator.

They are in need of the following items: cream of celery soup, chicken rice soup, chunky soups, Lentils - 1 pound bags, cry beans, chick peas, black beans, canned chicken (small size), canned tuna, pancake syrup. Please remember no perishables, **glass**, or outdated items. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering with "food bank" on the envelope.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEA GOING COWBOYS

If the article on sea going cowboys piqued your interest, you may pick up a copy of Floyd Bantz's recollections from the table in the narthex where he writes of his experiences on board the F. J. Luckenbach. For additional information, you may also visit seagoingcowboys.com to read other first hand accounts and find more details on the program. Thanks to Kathy Bantz Ashworth for sharing her Father's story!

DURING ADVENT (November 30 to December 24), we will not share spoken announcements at the beginning of worship. Please provide your announcements to the office by Wednesday morning of each week so that Jackie can include them in the bulletin and prepare an overhead slide for display during our gathering time.

OFFICE SCHEDULE

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. Please contact Jerry Bushong with pastoral needs or Cathy Funderwhite and Karen Strine for prayer concerns.



Christmas Poinsettias

As in years past, we will decorate the Sanctuary on the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve with poinsettias. If you are interested in placing a poinsettia in the Sanctuary, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to the Mountville Church of the Brethren. Mark your check "Poinsettia". YOUR PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER. Deadline to order your poinsettia(s) is November 30.

This year all poinsettias will be **WHITE**. You may place as many poinsettias as you wish in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Those names will be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Please write in the amount you wish to order.

4 1/2" branch poinsettia White \$ 9.00 _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please print the names below exactly as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

Given in MEMORY of _____

Given in HONOR of _____

Given by _____
