

Symbols of Our Faith

The Offering Song

Brent Holl

① G C

We give thee thanks, — We give thee thanks —

5 D7 G

We give thee thanks — for all we have! —

② G C

Praise and Thanks - giv - ing —

13 D7 G

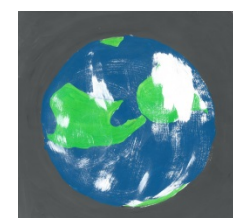
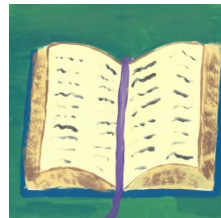
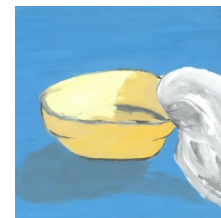
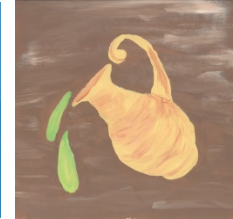
Praise — God a - bove! —

③ G C

Shar - ing, count-ing our bles-sings, car - ing one for an-oth - er

21 D7 G

All — we have we give to you. —



BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship May 8, 2016 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Voluntary in D Op. 6, No. 5 *John Stanley*
Prelude on Gather Us In *John Barr*

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 *NRSV*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER Jeff Carr
Please sign and pass the *Friendship Register* pad located at the inside aisle of the pew. Signing helps us learn the names of those worshipping near us. After all have signed, the pad can be passed back to the inside aisle.

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~Sing the Journey #121, adapted

One: God of love, light a flame of love in our hearts to you –

All: A flame of love to our families and friends,

One: A flame of love to our neighbors,

All: A flame of love to our enemies,

One: A flame of love in our hearts to all –

All: From the lowliest thing that lives, to the Name that is highest of all.

One: Gather us in, and light a flame of love is us!

***HYMN # 6** *Here in this place* GATHER US IN

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Tony Stovall
Children of ALL ages are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a time of building upon and connecting to faith through stories and interactions.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEMS (11:00)

Cherub and Carol Choirs

A Mother's Day Prayer *Patti Drennan*

Combined Choirs with Yorff's

Swing Low Sweet Chariot / All Night, All Day *arr. Linda Forest*

Carol Choir with Yorff's

Sing Alleluia! *Sue Ellen Page*

OFFERING

Invitation

~Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, adapted

Offertory

(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.

(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.

“All Night, All Day” *arr. Martha Sobaje*

***HYMN** *The Offering Song* Back of Bulletin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SHARING Children's Worship Team
“His Banner Over Me Is Love” (See insert)

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 *NRSV*

SERMON “Symbols of Our Faith?” Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

REFLECTIONS (8:30) Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 12** *Come, let us all unite to sing* GOD IS LOVE

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) from The Little Organ Book *J. S. Bach*
“Salvation now has come to us”

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

The bulletin cover today features artwork designed and painted by Marianne Houff depicting the symbols on which we have focused in Children's Worship this school year.

Worship Leaders (11:00):

Call to Worship: Phineas Kasten

Offering Invitation: Brett Eye

Scripture Reading: Sofia & Eliana Teshome

Prayers of the People: Laney & Macy Eye, Chris & Shylah Zepp

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

May 8-14, 2016 (All events are p.m. unless noted)

This is a church events calendar and does not include all building events use.
Please be sure to schedule ALL EVENTS through the church office.

Today	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Mon.	5:00	Retired Ministers & Spouses	Maple Terrace
	7:15	Executive Committee	Lounge
Wed.	8 a.m.	Bridgewater Ministers	Maple Terrace
	11 a.m.	Office Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
	3:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	6:00	Women's May Event	Social Hall
Thurs.	10:30 a.m.	Leaveners	N. River Library
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	6:00	B.C. Baccalaureate Speaker: The Rev. Jeff Carr	Campus Mall
Sat.	10 a.m.	B.C. Commencement Speaker: The Hon. Steve Agee	Campus Mall

NEXT SUNDAY – May 15, 2016 – *Day of Pentecost*

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Pastor Chris Zepp, preaching

Sermon: "Of Friendly's and Fire and Fear"

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-16; John 14:8-17, 25-27

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 9 a.m. – Choir Room

Blood Pressure Clinic – 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Office Reception Area

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. – Classrooms

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus
and live the love of God.*

Our Mission...

As an inclusive community of faith, we commit ourselves to embody the love of God and to share our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world. Through faith formation, worship, mission, and fellowship we boldly proclaim the peace and love of Christ. Together we work for justice, extend grace, and partner with God to offer abundant life, healing, and hope to our community and the world.

Our Values...

*Sharing life together and including all persons in our common life.
Growing in faith, compassion, and understanding.
Serving one another and our neighbor's good.
Sharing the love of God and the God that is love.*

PASTORAL MINISTRY STAFF

Jeff Carr – Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

Glenna Wampler – Business Manager

PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

John Barr – Organist

Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Jeanie Eye – Christian Education Director

Mary Beth Flory – Pianist

Marianne Houff – Children's Choir Director

Ellsworth Neff – Sound, Light, Video Coordinator

Curtis Nolley – Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator

Clarke & Hope Staton – Youth Ministry Coordinators

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Normal office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1-5 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall

Nametags; large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

All Are Welcome brochures, available in the pews and literature rack, list specific Christian Education opportunities and locations.

PARKING ASSISTANCE: 10:30-10:55 a.m. every Sunday.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Children are always welcome among us and in our corporate worship gatherings. Activity bags are available in the greeting hall for their use and enjoyment. Additionally, childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten is available as well as a "cry room" for those who wish to listen and see the worship service in a separate room from the sanctuary. Ushers are more than willing to help you locate these resources.

Greeter (8:30) – Margaret Horn

Guitarist (8:30) – Brent Holl

Fellowship Host – Donnie Fulk

Greeters (11:00) – Terry & Vickie Slaubaugh
Steve & Ruth Watson

Head Usher (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

Sound/Light (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff & David Lineweaver

Decorators – Lisa Houff & Dwyann Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Hope Staton

Van Driver – Wayne Angleberger

ATTENDANCE /STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 5/1/16

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 17 11:00 – 250 Sunday School: 160

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$16,127.00
Loose Offering	176.35
Church User Fees	1,700.00
Alternative Christmas Fair Purchase	180.12
Wednesday Night Meals	135.00
Youth Programs	1,847.50
Seekers Sunday School Class	168.00
Friendship Circle	10.00

~ Leon Rhodes, Head Teller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY WOMEN'S EVENT: ALOHA LUAU

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Stop at the tiki hut in the greeting hall at church to sign up for the Aloha Luau to enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Choose your favorite entree from those listed and leave your registration form with your payment at the tiki hut or return to the church office. Wear your comfortable tropical attire and join us for an evening of island fun. Deadline for signing up is today! Aloha and Mahalo!!

GIVING STATEMENTS for the first quarter of 2016 will be available for pick up in the greeting hall today and next Sunday, May 15. Any help delivering statements to neighbors / friends / family will be greatly appreciated!

GRADUATE INFORMATION REQUESTED

If you are aware of someone who has, is, or will be completing their course(s) of study during this school year (high school, college, or graduate school), please contact Pastor Chris or the church office with their name and info so that they can be recognized in a future edition of *Connections* Newsletter.

DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION: May 20-21

The Shenandoah District Disaster Relief Auction will be held at the fairgrounds Friday & Saturday, May 20-21. More details can be found on the poster on the large bulletin board near the hospitality desk and in the Disaster Relief Auction Booklets. Direct all inquiries to Doris Harsh at 828-6547.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXTS:

A Mother's Day Prayer: Patti Drennan

On this Mother's Day, let us pray and thank the Lord above for mothers here and everywhere who fill our lives with love.

On this Mother's Day let us pray and thank the Lord above for mothers kind and caring who show us God is love.

For words that calm our fears, and hands that dry our tears, these are gifts mothers share each day that guide and bless our way.

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Swing Low: African Spiritual

Swing low sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan and what did I see...

A band of angels comin' after me...

All Night: African Spiritual

All night, all day angels watchin' over me my Lord

All night, all day angels watchin' over me

Now I lay me down to sleep...

Pray the Lord my soul to keep...

Sing Alleluia!: Sue Ellen Page

People all come sing and shout, God is in us dwelling

Spread the joyous news about, Sing with voices swelling

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, raise your voices, shout with joy,

Sing praise to God the Savior

Ev'ry one a child of God, sister or a brother.

You who know the love of God, Share with one another.

Gracious God protects and guides us, may we always praise God's name with great love and care surrounds us, may we always praise God's name

For the gifts that we receive, come with thankful giving;

Let the promise we believe light the life we're living

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HIS BANNER OVER ME IS LOVE

Throughout the year, this has been our "theme song" for Children's Worship. Each week, a new verse was created to accompany the symbol upon which we were focusing that Sunday.

The Lord is mine and I am His –

His banner over me is love.

(Repeat three times)

His banner over me is love!

He built his church on solid ground...

He anoints us with his precious oil...

He clothes us with his righteousness...

He blesses us with a Horn of Plenty...

He is God's son, the light of the world...

He wants his children to live in peace...

He shows us all the way to serve...

He needs our help to carry the cross...

He taught us all the way to pray...

He teaches us through all the scriptures...

He wants us to sing a loud "Hosanna!"...

He sits with us at the welcome table...

He plants the seeds of new creation...

Jesus is the rock of my salvation...