

## Heal Us, Lord

Psalm 30 was written for celebration. Whether it was written for the dedication of the temple or David's palace, it was an occasion of joy and beauty. But the psalm also reminds us that before there was joy, there was trial: "O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit" (vv. 2-3).

Though we often read Psalms as personal devotion, we should remember that they were once collected as a hymnbook for congregational singing. And whenever two or three are gathered, there are opportunities for interpersonal discord as well as God's blessing. This was certainly true of David's experience, whether it was with Saul, his officers and friends, or even his own sons.

So it is good, whenever we gather for worship, to pray for renewal and restoration by God's spirit, not only in our own bodies, but also in the gathered body of Christ. We come as people in need of healing and grace. In Christ we are joined together.

*Prayer of response: God of grace and love, we celebrate you this day. With every glory of the season, with every opening flower, with every rising sun, the world sings your praise. Open our eyes to see the wonders of your creation. Open our hearts to receive the joy of your presence. Open us to new breath and life in Christ.*

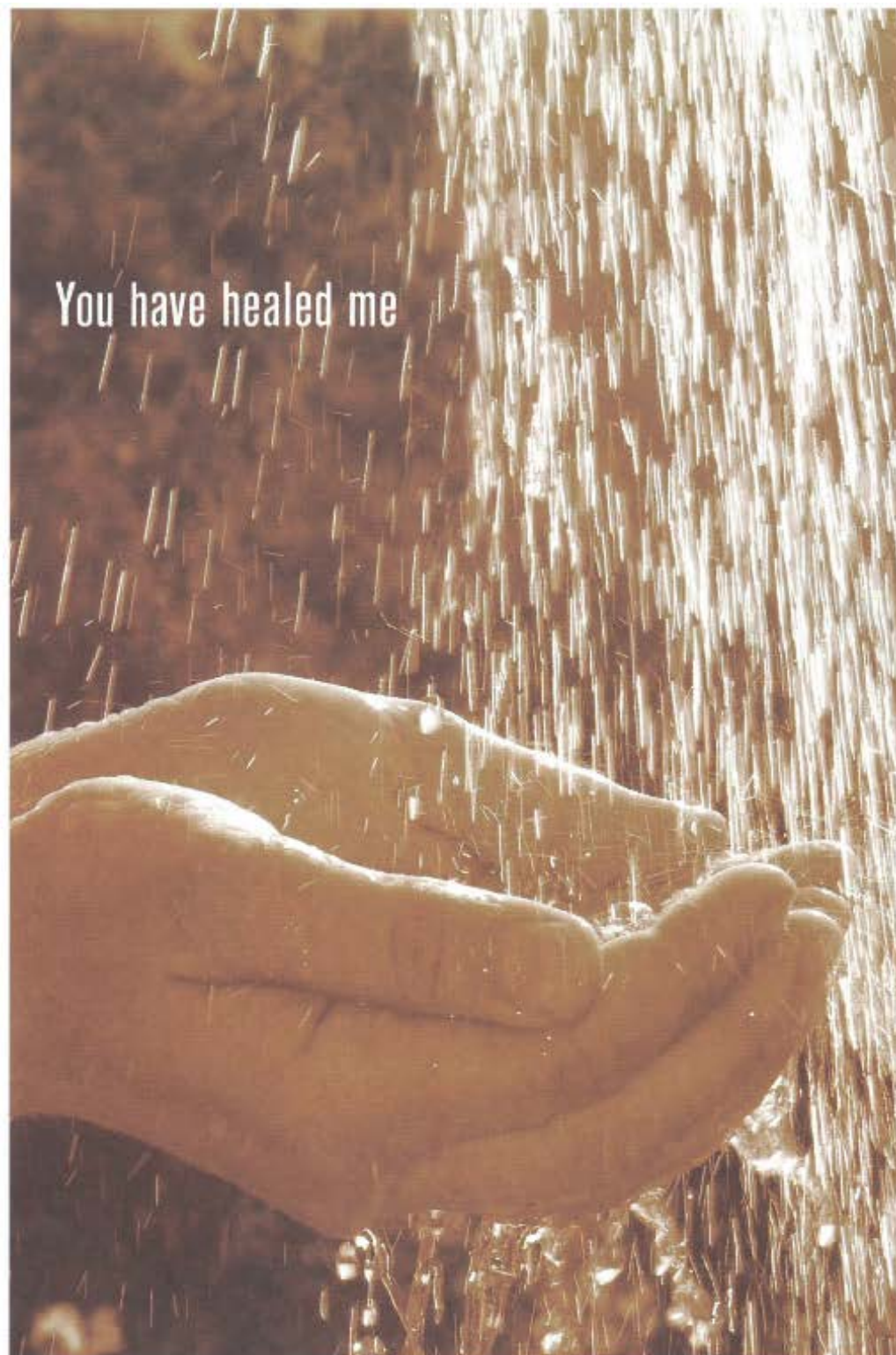
*Help us find this new life together. Do not let us be torn apart by our own pride and selfishness. Free us to receive healing and forgiveness from each other. Give us courage and humility to be bound together in grace, rather than divided by distrust and fear. Send your love and order our hearts as we become your holy body, glorifying you. Amen.*

—Daniel House, pastor  
Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren  
Weyers Cave, Virginia

**Text for today:** "I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and *you have healed me*. O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. . . . You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever" (Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** 1 Kings 17: 17-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17.

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 22, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

“To me, this sounds like a radical call to view the world in a way that puts the under-privileged as the first to be given unconditional compassion to. That may sound like fluff but if I take that concept and apply it to my everyday interactions with fellow humans, I begin to see my role in each person's life as being one that gives unconditionally and compassionately from the privilege I have. No matter what nuances of privilege or under-privilege I have, there is ALWAYS someone who has less than I, and needs all the advantage that I can give.” ~Samuel Smythe

**PRELUDES (8:30)** Be Still, My Soul *Jean Sibelius*  
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus *arr. Jerry Ray*  
Trust and Obey *arr. Jerry Ray*  
Follow the Gleam *Sallie Hume Douglas*  
What A Friend We Have In Jesus *Charles C. Converse*  
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me *Indian Folk Melody*

**PRELUDES (11:00)** Allegretto *Eugène Gigout*  
Prelude in G *John E. Campbell*  
Prelude on: *Russell Schulz-Widmar*  
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**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.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Hymnal #663

**\*HYMN # 71** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* HYMN TO JOY

## 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.

**MOMENT FOR MISSION (11:00)** Vacation Bible School Josh Eye

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 4:12-23

**\*HYMN # 227** *Two Fishermen* LEAVE ALL THINGS BEHIND

**SERMON** “*Following Jesus*” Jeff Carr

## RESPONDING

**REFLECTIONS (8:30)** Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.  
I Have Decided To Follow Jesus *arr. Fred Bock*

**ANTHEM (11:00)** Rejoice! *Craig Courtney*  
Andrea Nolley & Pam Mason, *flute*

**OFFERING**  
**Invitation** ~*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion*

**Offertory**  
(8:30) We bring our tithes and offerings to the worship center.  
Living For Jesus *C. Harold Lowden*  
(11:00) Ushers receive our tithes and offerings.  
“Hallowed be thy name...” *Dan Locklair*  
(from Salem Sonata for Organ)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** The Lord's Prayer: Maori & Polynesia

**\*HYMN # 540** *Strong, righteous man of Galilee* MELITA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE (8:30)** Follow On *Robert Lowry*

**POSTLUDE (11:00)** Prelude on MELITA *John Barr*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**January 22-28, 2017** (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.

<b>Tues.</b>	7:00	Child Care Center Board	Lounge
<b>Wed.</b>	2:00	Pastor's Book Study	Lounge
	5:15	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	5:30	Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal	Social Hall
		[Menu: Enchiladas: chicken, black bean, and cheese]	
	5:45	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:30	YORFF Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:15	Puppet Rehearsal	Agape Room
<b>Thurs.</b>	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Fri.</b>	8:00	Sr. High Youth Lock-In	Social Hall, etc

### NEXT SUNDAY– January 29, 2017 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Pastor Jeff Carr, preaching

Sermon: "What is Required"

Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8

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

**Deacon Meeting** – Noon – Social Hall

### ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 01/15/17

**Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 21 11:00 – 263 Sunday School: 160**

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$8,748.00
Loose Offering	961.00
Church User Fees	500.00
Messenger Subscriptions	43.50
Child Care Center	100.00
Books	58.00
Rent – Refugee House	650.00
JOY Circle	37.37
Altruistic Sunday School Class	40.00
Wayne Geisert Memorial Fund	175.00
Kathleen & Glenn Suter Memorial Fund	160.00

## 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

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**Jeanie Eye** – Christian Education Director

**Mary Beth Flory** – Pianist

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## 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.

**Pianist** (8:30) – Loreen May

**Fellowship Host** – Donnie Fulk

**Greeters** (11:00) – Ann & Erv Anderson

**Head Usher** (11:00) – Kevin Keplinger

**Sound/Light** (11:00) – Ellsworth Neff, Dave Lineweaver,  
Michael Overman

**Decorators** – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

**Deacon Caregiver** – Lori Lineweaver

**Van Drivers** – David Lineweaver / Rick Fawley

**Worship Leader** (11:00) – Jeanne Neff

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: based on Philippians 4:4, 6, 7**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice and give thanks and sing;

Your festive banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, give thanks and sing. Be anxious for nothing;

But in ev'rything by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving

Let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,

Will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say rejoice.

Go on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;

From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:

Rejoice, give thanks and sing.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available to be picked-up in the greeting hall this morning. Anyone who would like offering envelopes for 2017 but has not had them in the past should notify our Business Manager, Glenna Wampler. Weekly and monthly envelopes are available. Also, if you're interested in having your contribution made to the church electronically, forms are available in the church office or you may speak with Glenna.

**YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS** will be available for pick-up today. Those not picked up will be mailed.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Our congregation has enjoyed a rich history of Vacation Bible School over the last 50+ years. Some remember outdoor events by the river at Nelson Gardner's farm, the MarketPlace made of PVC pipes in the church basement on College Street, an overnight family event at Camp Overlook, and most recently the spectacular whole-church events. For VBS 2017, the Christian Education Commission is having a brainstorming session on Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. in the Seekers Room. We want to re-imagine VBS. We seek the best way to serve our church and community as we strive to follow Jesus and live the love of God. Simply. Peacefully. Together.

### **DEACON MEETING**

All deacons are invited to lunch and a meeting in the Social Hall next Sunday, January 29, immediately following worship at 11. Everyone is asked to bring a dish or two to share. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Jan Flora, 421-4564 or [jandwf3@gmail.com](mailto:jandwf3@gmail.com).

### **PASTOR'S BOOK STUDY**

We will meet for discussion of the book *Changing our Mind* by David Gushee this Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. in the lounge. Anyone is welcome to attend the discussion, even if you haven't yet read the book.

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. <sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. <sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**Matthew 4:12-23 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.