

Thankful for the Day

Call to Worship

Lift up your voices and your hearts, O people of God! Give thanks and be glad for all that God has given. In Christ, we live and move and have our being. Come and worship our merciful God. Draw near to the tree of life, where the radiant leaves bring healing. Drink from the river of life, which nourishes and sustains for the journey ahead. Here you will find salvation for your souls.

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: We approach you, O God, with majesty and wonder.

All: For we, like Christ, belong to the day and take comfort in being made in his likeness.

One: We give thanks, O God, for the mystery of your created world and universe.

All: And like Jesus, we belong to the day, knowing that we are a part of his body.

One: Grant us mercy, O God, to see the workings of your salvation, which lie beyond time and space.

All: For the Everlasting God will whisper hope and encouragement to us with love and beauty.

One: For we belong to the day.

All: And the day belongs to us! Amen.

Hymn

Morning has broken
No. 648, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

—W. Jason Frazer, pastor
Bethany Church of the Brethren
Stet, Missouri

Text for today: "So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we *belong to the day*, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love . . ." (1 Thess. 5:6-8, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (8); Matthew 25:14-30.

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Belong to the day

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
at Worship November 19, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

RESPONDING

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Three Thanksgiving Preludes *John Barr*
Variations on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Bicinium on "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
Bicinium on "We Gather Together"

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.

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) *John Barr*
Fanfare on "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 90

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Josh Eye
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.
Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5th grade
are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

SCRIPTURE READING 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11 *NRSV*

***HYMN # 119A** *Praise God from Whom* OLD HUNDREDTH

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 *NRSV*

HYMN # 119B *Praise God from Whom* OLD HUNDREDTH

SERMON "The 'T' in tsp" Jeff Carr

REFLECTIONS (8:30) ...a time for conversation.

ANTHEM (11:00) For the Beauty of the Earth *John Rutter*

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

March Triumphal on: *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (from Op. 65, 1908-10)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN # 86** *Now thank we all our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (11:00) from Cantata 79 *J. S. Bach*
NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT *arr. Claude Means*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

November 19-25, 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.

- Today** 9 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic Office Reception
Children's Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room
- Tues.** 7:00 Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry Social Hall
- Thurs.** Happy Thanksgiving!!
Church Offices & Building Closed
- Fri.** Church Offices Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

NEXT SUNDAY– November 26, 2017 – 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: "Is It Christmas Yet?"

Scripture Readings: Psalm 100 & Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 11/12/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 31 11:00 – 237 Sunday School: 142

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$15,297.00
Loose Offering	636.00
Picnic Shelter	150.00
Brethren Student Movement	150.45
College Care Packages	85.00
Jubilee Circle	51.20
Seekers Sunday School Class	20.00
Open Door Sunday School Class	15.00
Friendship Circle	525.00
Clayton Towers Memorial Fund	50.00
Charlotte McKay Memorial Fund	50.00

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

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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.

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Kevin Keplinger

Decorators – Heather Barkey & Lori Lineweaver

Sound & Light Operator – Skip Eger

Deacon Caregiver – Amanda Zepp

Van Driver – 11/19: Rick Wampler; 11/26: Melvin Wampler

Worship Leaders – Cindy and Mike Fike

TODAY'S CHORAL INTROIT TEXT: Refer to the Hymnal, page 94.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: F. S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday. Pastor Chris will be off the entire week. Please contact Pastor Jeff with pastoral needs. He will be checking messages on his voicemail. The bulletin deadline will be Tuesday 11/20 at noon.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are continuing to collect donations (both items and financial) for our annual end-of semester care packages through November 26. Please also contact the church office by the 26th to report current mailing addresses! More information – including a suggested shopping list – can be found in the Literature Rack or by contacting Pastor Chris.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

BWCOB is partnering with Harrisonburg-Rockingham Social Services to provide gifts for local children and adults. To participate, select a gift tag from the display in the Greeting Hall, purchase the gift(s) requested (\$25 range), and return the wrapped gift(s) to the Greeting Hall by **November 26**. Each wrapped gift needs to have the gift tag firmly attached and any additional packages need the identifying number and names.

COOKIES REQUEST

The Caring Hands Committee will be hosting several large receptions in December and is in need of homemade cookies. Please leave cookies in the white freezer in the kitchen pantry by December 1. Thank you!

RINGING THE BELL – A GIFT FOR OTHERS

Your gift for those less fortunate may only take two hours of your time. Sign-up sheets are on the greeting hall hospitality desk for you to staff the Salvation Army booth at Bridgewater Foods Market. Dates are Thursday-Saturday, November 30-December 2, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. each day. You can staff the booth by yourself for two hours or perhaps sign up with a friend and each **ring the bell** for an hour. Thank you for your participation!

BRIDGEWATER CHRISTMAS PARADE

Come help spread Christmas Cheer: join us on the BWCOB wagon and sing Christmas carols in the Bridgewater Christmas Parade! The parade is set to be held December 9, at 10:00 a.m. More information about the location and line-up time will be available in the bulletin closer to the date of the Parade.