

Remembering Our Baptism

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

One: On this Sunday as we remember Jesus' baptism, let us renew our baptismal vows and be thankful. Do you now reaffirm your faith in and loyalty to Jesus Christ our Lord, and the gospel?

All: *I do.*

One: Will you continue to repent of sin, accept God's forgiveness, and live by the teachings of Jesus?

All: *I will.*

One: Will you promise to live in unity in the bonds of Christian love, bearing one another's joy and pain? Will you worship, serve, and share in this church's mission, supporting it by your earnest prayers, regular attendance, and faithful giving as God gives you strength?

All: *I will.*

One: Gracious God, bless all who seek to renew their commitment to our Savior. Encourage them as they work together to be the body of Christ. Comfort them with love and forgiveness as they deepen the manner of their living in following Jesus. Grant us a gentle spirit toward the world that Jesus loved and died to save. We praise you until we gather at the heavenly feast of the Lamb.

All: *Amen.*

Hymn of response I have decided to follow Jesus

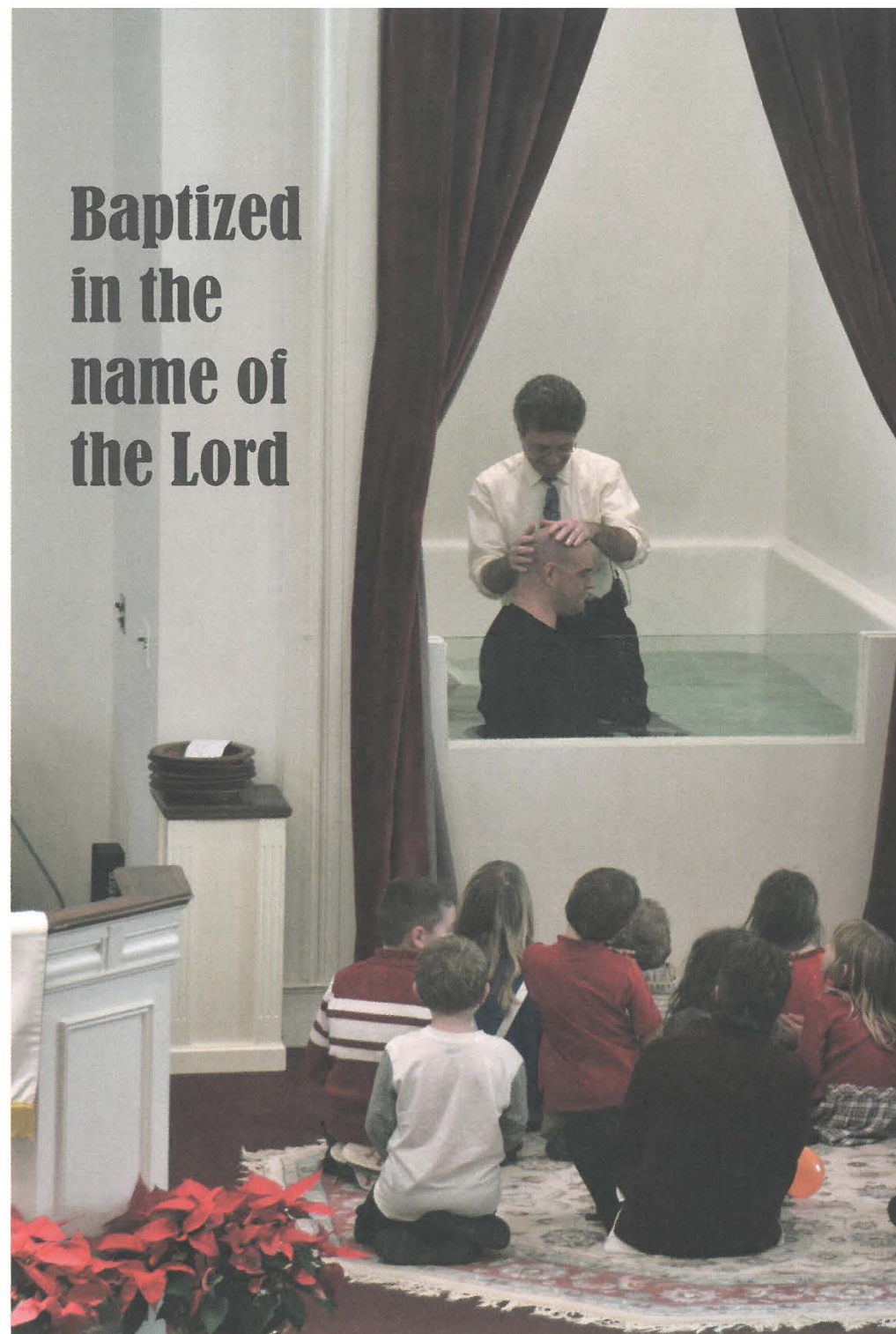
No. 1061, *Hymnal Supplement*

(Alternate hymn: "O Jesus, I have promised," No. 447, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*)

—Tom Powers, pastor
Masons Cove Church of the Brethren
Salem, Virginia

Text for today: "Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**" (Acts 19:4-5, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7 (5); Mark 1:4-11.

Photo © 2018 Beverly Vogel. Used by permission
01-07-18, Baptism of the Lord. Printed in the USA
Worship resource © 2018 Brethren Press. www.brethrenpress.com



BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 7, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

We Three Kings *John H. Hopkins / arr. Bob Walters*
In the Bleak Midwinter *Gustav Holst / arr. Don Wyrzten*

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.

PRELUDE (11:00)

Toccatina in D Minor *J. S. Bach*

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29 *NRSV/The Message*

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: God's thunder tympanic, God's thunder symphonic.

All: God's thunder smashes cedars, God topples the cedars.

One: The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, the high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

All: God's thunder spits fire. God thunders, the wilderness quakes; He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.

One: God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing – A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

All: We fall to our knees—we call out, “Glory!”

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**All: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*HYMN # 70

Immortal, invisible, God only wise ST. DENIO

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

Jeff Carr

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

Genesis 1:1-5

NRSV

ANTHEM (11:00)

O Lord, We Sing Your Tender Care *Hal H. Hopson*

OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

O Jesus Christ, Thou Fount of Grace *Bedrick Janáček*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1:4-11

NRSV

Acts 19:1-7

NRSV

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SERMON

“Into What Then”

Jeff Carr

RESPONDING

*HYMN # 356

Breathe on me, breath of God

DIADEMATA

REFLECTIONS (8:30)

...a time for conversation.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

*HYMN INSERT

Peace before us

PRAYER OF PEACE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00)

A Festive Postlude

John Barr

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Wednesday Night Meals are back for 2018! Plans are being made to resume having these congregational fellowship meals beginning on **January 17**. Most likely, we will be utilizing a rotation of our local Bridgewater restaurants to cater these meals. To help us make appropriate plans and preparations, it would be helpful to have a bit of information. So please take a moment to fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate or to the church office as soon as possible. Any questions, please contact Pastor Chris.

- I/we would generally plan to attend Wednesday Night Meals whenever they are offered. Please indicate how many:
 ___ Adults ___ Children
- I/we would generally plan to attend to attend Wednesday Night Meals held before:
 ___ Board ___ Commission meetings
- I/we might attend depending on the menu and/or caterer:
 Favorites / Suggestions: _____
- I/we would be willing to occasionally volunteer with Wednesday Night Meals in these ways:
 ___ Set-up and Meal Service (catered)
 ___ Clean-up / Table Clearing
 ___ Dishes
 ___ Meal Preparation (non-catered)
- I/we would be willing to help organize:
 ___ Catering ___ Volunteers

Name(s): _____

Dietary Needs / Restrictions: _____

Preferred Contact: ___ Text ___ Call ___ E-mail

Number / Address: _____

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 12/24/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18 11:00 – 217 Sunday School: 79

Christmas Evening Worship Attendance: 7:00 – 205 11:00 - 37

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$5,647.75
Loose Offering	692.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	29.00
Christmas Offering	13,100.00
Tree Lights of Love	40.00
Disaster Relief	250.00
Building Repair Reserve	100.00
Heifer International	40.00
Office Expense Reimbursement	30.00
Backpack Program	34.00
Altruistic Sunday School Class	975.00
Charles Snyder III Estate	75,000.00
Clayton Towers Memorial Fund	100.00
Charlotte McKay Memorial Fund	50.00
Bob McFadden Memorial Fund	50.00

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 12/31/17

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 11:00 – 189 Sunday School: 84

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$16,543.00
Loose Offering	638.00
Church User Fees	50.00
Food Pantry	120.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscriptions	29.00
Miscellaneous	625.00
Christmas Offering	200.00
Huffman Loan Fund	1,500.00
Habitat House	50.00
Bob McFadden Memorial Fund	1,000.00

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

January 7-13, 2018 (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	Children's Worship during Worship at 11	Agape Room
	Noon Youth Fundraiser Lunch	Social Hall
	<i>Menu: Soup and Toasted Cheese Sandwiches</i>	
	5:00 Sr. Hi. Movie & Discussion – Home of the Zepp's	
Tues.	11:30 a.m. Office Staff Holiday Party	Lounge
	7:00 Finance Commission	Lounge
Wed.	6:00 Friendship Circle – Home of Mary Ann Angleberger	
	7:00 JOY Circle	Seekers Room
Thurs.	6:30 Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30 Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	6:00 Brethren Student Movement – Social Hall / Youth Room	
Sat.	9:00 a.m. Youth Trip to C'ville Jump	Meet in parking lot

NEXT SUNDAY– January 14, 2018 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Preaching: Pastor Chris Zepp

Sermon: "Taking the Call"

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 & John 1:43-51

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

Youth Sunday Night Live – 6 p.m. – Pleasant Valley CoB

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

420 College View Drive, Bridgewater, VA 22812

www.bwcob.org / (540) 828-3711

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.

Greeters – Edgar & Kathy Simmons; Tim & Leanne Kreps

Head Usher – Kevin Keplinger

Fellowship Host – Mac Bair

Sound & Light Technician – Skip Eger

Decorators – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

Deacon Caregiver – Jan Flora

Van Drivers – Rick Fawley & David Lineweaver

Worship Leader – Palmer Lee Berry

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: adptd. Jane Taylor, 1783-1824

O Lord, we sing your tender care and constant love so true;
The food we eat, the clothes we wear, are all a gift from you.
Lord, hear our thankful praise. Voices uplifted sing this song:
Alleluia, praise the Lord.
Our life and those who care for us each day by God are giv'n;
We have no gift for blessing here but what is sent from heav'n.
Lord, hear our thankful praise. Voices uplifted sing this song:
Alleluia, praise the Lord.
Such goodness, Lord, and constant care we never can repay;
But may it be our daily prayer to love you and obey.
Lord, hear our thankful praise. Voices uplifted sing this song:
Alleluia, praise the Lord.

PEACE BEFORE US

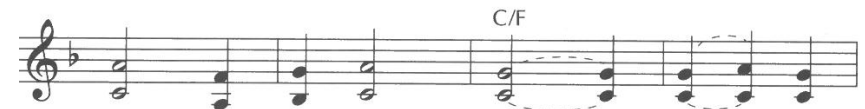
Prayer of Peace



1,6 Peace be - fore us, peace be - hind us,
2 Love be - fore us, love be - hind us,
3 Light be - fore us, light be - hind us,
4 Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



1,6 peace un - der our feet.
2 love un - der our feet.
3 light un - der our feet.
4 Christ un - der our feet.
5 al - le - lu - ia.



1,6 Peace with - in us, peace o - ver us,
2 Love with - in us, love o - ver us,
3 Light with - in us, light o - ver us,
4 Christ with - in us, Christ o - ver us,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



1,6 let all a - round us be peace.
2 let all a - round us be love.
3 let all a - round us be light.
4 let all a - round us be Christ.
5 al - le - lu - ia.

Text & Music: David Haas, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.
All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-717854

Psalm 29 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Psalm 29

The Voice of God in a Great Storm

A Psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,^[a]
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,^[b]
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Genesis 1:1-5 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

¹ In the beginning when God created^[a] the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b]

swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Paul in Ephesus

¹⁹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴ John the baptizer appeared^[a] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with^[b] water; but he will baptize you with^[c] the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[d] with you I am well pleased.”