

## Trusting Our Creator

Lighthouses have become symbols of guidance and protection during times of uncertainty. Before modern technology, lighthouses were vital in guiding ships safely to shore. Similarly, just as sailors relied on lighthouses, Christians rely on God for guidance and protection, and God deserves our full trust. For who is worthier of our trust than the One who created us, knows us, and loves us?

As I contemplate the challenges and disappointments I've experienced in life, I realize how God has transformed the negative into a positive result. I can see how God's wisdom and care have been constant and perfect. The peace I experience from being assured that God desires the best for me, and for all his children, makes life a joyful, astounding adventure.

Seeing God in the beauty and power of nature is one way God communicates. When I take the time to enjoy creation, I hear God speak: "I'm here. See me and take notice!" My response is, "Yes, Lord, you are with me always—on the mountaintops, on the plains, and in the valleys of life." This initial realization is the beginning of complete trust. It starts with faith the size of a mustard seed, and if cared for and nourished, blossoms and grows—life overflowing.

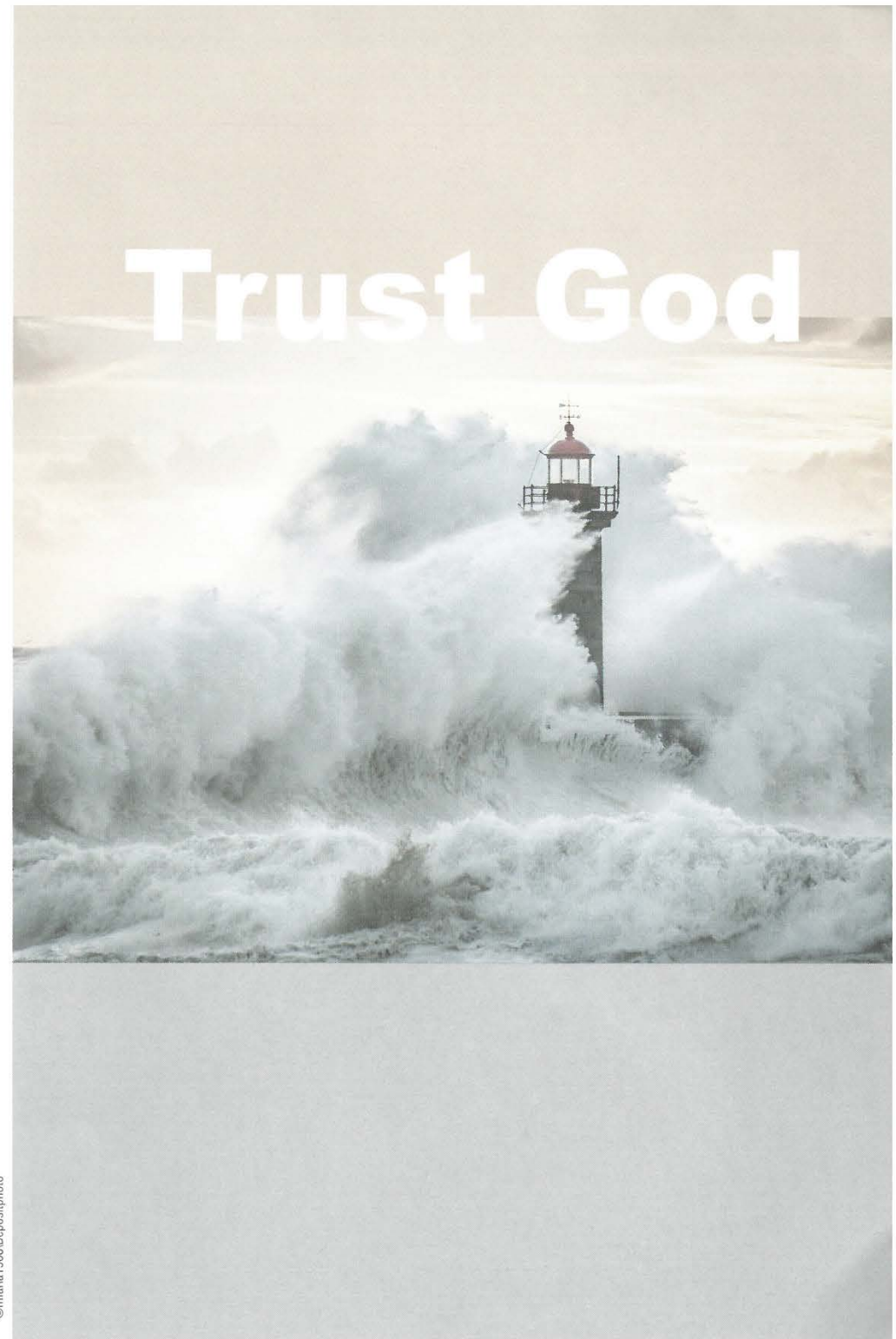
We are all on that journey of faith and trust, learning and growing in our own unique way. Since God designed each of us and knows us intimately, we can trust God's perfect parenting.

*Lord, we marvel at the many ways you speak to us as a loving parent. You deserve our full trust and obedience. Please forgive our waywardness and draw us always closer to your will. Amen.*

*—Barbara Lynn Shipe  
Agape Church of the Brethren  
Fort Wayne, Indiana*

**Text for today:** "Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on him. God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe, and he is the fortress where I feel secure. God saves me and honors me. He is that mighty rock where I find safety. *Trust God*, my friends, and always tell him each one of your concerns. God is our place of safety" (Psalm 62:5-8, CEV). **Bible readings for today:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12 (8); 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 21, 2018 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC** (11:00) Cantilene *Josef Rheinberger*

**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) Meditation on REPTON *John Barr*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 62:5-12 *NRSV*

**\*HYMN # 541** *How clear is our vocation, Lord* REPTON

## 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. Following the Children's Story, all children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Agape Room.

**RETIREMENT RECOGNITION** (11:00)

### OFFERING

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

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

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

"Amazing Grace" *Frederick Swann*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 1:14-20 *NRSV*

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

**SERMON** "Pete and Repeat are in a Boat" Jeff Carr

## RESPONDING

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

**ANTHEM** (11:00) Blessed are the Peacemakers *Anne Krentz Organ*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Steve Longenecker

**\*HYMN INSERT** *I Danced in the Morning* SIMPLE GIFTS

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** (11:00) God of Grace *Paul Manz*

\* Rise as able in body and spirit.

## FLOWERS

The flowers on the worship center this morning are shared by the McFadden family in remembrance of Bob McFadden and in celebration of Glenna Wampler's retirement.

## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to join in a reception for Glenna Wampler immediately following Worship at 11.

## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

**January 21-27, 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.

|               |                   |   |                          |
|---------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>  | 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. | Blood Pressure Clinic                                 | Receptionist Area        |
|               |                   | Children's Worship during Worship at 11               |                          |
|               | Noon              | Retirement Celebration for Glenna Wampler             | Social Hall              |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | 6:15              | Child Care Center Board                               | Lounge                   |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | 5:15              | Cherub Choir Rehearsal                                | Agape Room               |
|               | 5:30              | Wednesday Night Meal                                  | Social Hall              |
|               |                   | <i>Caterer: Francesco's</i>                           |                          |
|               |                   | <i>Menu: Lasagna and Cheese Ravioli, Salad, Bread</i> |                          |
|               | 5:45              | Carol Choir Rehearsal                                 | Agape Room               |
|               | 6:30              | Yorffs Rehearsal                                      | Room # 35                |
|               | 6:30              | Witness & Nurture Commission                          | Open Door Room           |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | 6:30              | Puppets Rehearsal                                     | Agape Room               |
|               | 7:30              | Sanctus Choir Rehearsal                               | Choir Room               |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | 6:00              | Brethren Student Movement                             | Social Hall & Youth Room |
| <b>Sat.</b>   |                   | Youth to Richmond Science Museum                      | Meet in Parking Lot      |

### NEXT SUNDAY– January 28, 2018 – *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Preaching: Pastor Jeff Carr

Sermon: "God Food"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Eucharist Communion will be served at both services

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

**Deacon Lunch Meeting** – Noon – Social Hall

## 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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## **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** – John Hipps

**Sound & Light Technician** – David Lineweaver

**Decorator** – Lori Lineweaver

**Deacon Caregiver** – Jan Flora

**Van Driver** – Rick Fawley & David Lineweaver

**Worship Leader** – Steve Longenecker

### **TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: based on Matthew 5:9 A.K.O.**

Dona nobis pacem. (*translation: Grant us peace.*)

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be children of God.

Dona nobis pacem.

Blessed are they who pray for peace, who strive for peace, who yearn for peace. Blessed are the children of God.

Dona nobis pacem.

Blessed are the peacemakers. Pray for peace.

Blessed are the peacemakers. Strive for peace.

Blessed are the peacemakers. Yearn for peace.

Blessed are the children, the children of God.

Dona nobis pacem. Blessed peace.

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## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS UPDATE**

Because the first meal of 2018 had to be cancelled due to the weather, the meal this week will be the same as it would have been last week. Francesco's will provide the catering.

Menu – Lasagna

Cheese Ravioli

Salad

Bread.

Suggested minimum donation: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids.

### **2018 PRAYER CHAIN**

Persons interested in being included or removed from the PHONE prayer chain should contact Delores Simmons at 828-6040 or Janet Wampler at 828-6526 as soon as possible. If you are interested in being included on the email prayer chain please email churchoffice@bwcob.org or call the church office.

**2017 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS** are available for pick-up this morning and will be available next Sunday, as well. Any that you can deliver to a neighbor to help save postage would be appreciated.

### **ANNUAL DEACON LUNCH**

This year's Annual Deacon Lunch will be next Sunday, January 28, immediately following Worship at 11. The meal will be potluck and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish or two to share as you can.

### **ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 1/14/18**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 18 11:00 – 238 Sunday School: 122</b> |             |
| Pledges & Envelope Giving   | \$16,382.00 |
| Loose Offering  | 347.75      |
| Church User Fees  | 500.00      |
| <i>Messenger</i> Subscription                                       | 14.50       |
| Miscellaneous   | 250.00      |
| Disaster Relief   | 40.00       |
| Youth Programs  | 450.00      |
| EYN Compassion Fund   | 100.00      |
| Bob McFadden Memorial Fund  | 1,080.00    |

# I DANCED IN THE MORNING

## SIMPLE GIFTS

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the  
2. I danced for the scribe and the  
3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I  
4. I danced on a Fri - day when the  
5. They cut Me down and I

world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the  
Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they  
cured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple  
sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the  
leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I  
would not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they  
dev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they  
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.  
James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.  
hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.  
thought I'd gone; But I am the dance and I still go on.  
live in Me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

*Refrain*  
Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the  
Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

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**Psalm 62:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. <sup>7</sup> On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. *Selah*

<sup>9</sup> Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. <sup>10</sup> Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

**Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.