

God of the Generations

Call to Worship

One: We gather for worship, giving thanks to God for our elders.

All: We thank God for our grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and friends.

One: We are grateful for earlier generations who share their wisdom with us. They shelter us like trees whose roots are deeply planted in the earth.

All: We thank God for those who remain faithful through the years, and with patience yield the fruit of the Spirit.

One: We are grateful for those who withstand the storms and the floods of life, growing stronger and more beautiful with the years.

All: We thank God for those who love and nurture us.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

All: Let us worship with gratitude and joy!

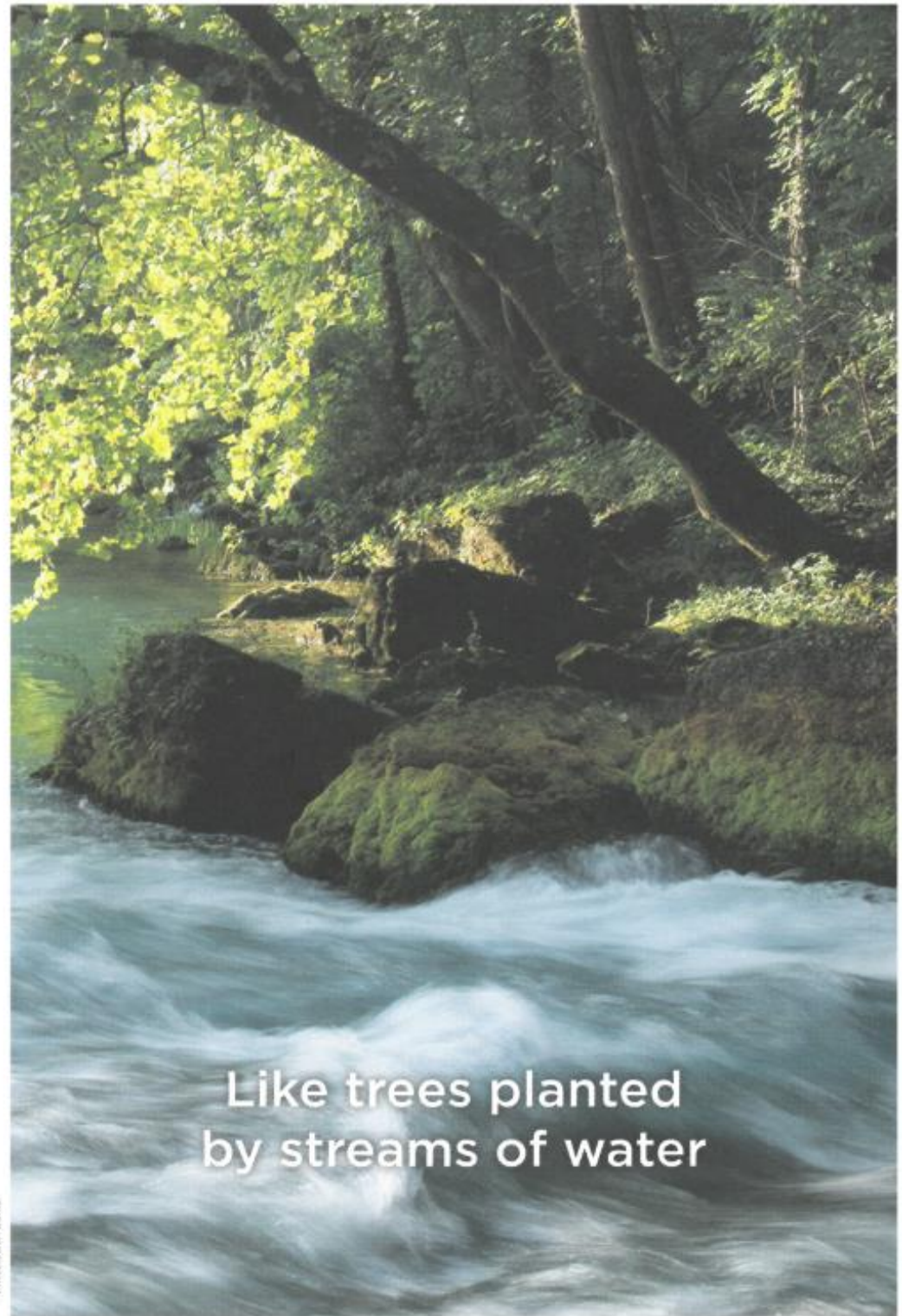
Unison Prayer

God of the generations, you welcome people of all ages into your church. We thank you for the very young and the very old, and everyone in between. May we honor those who have loved you for a long time, and those who have walked the journey with Jesus before us. May we listen to and learn from those whose faith continues to grow deeper and richer with the years. In Christ's name, we pray. *Amen.*

—Christy Waltersdorff
Lombard, Illinois

Text for today: "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are *like trees planted by streams of water*, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper" (Psalm 1:1-3, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1 (3); Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

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Like trees planted
by streams of water

BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship October 20, 2019 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

"The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing."

~Marcus Aurelius

Jacob wrestles with the angel It's me.

In that struggle. Fierce, and unfair.

*The angel is not human, and it holds nothing back,
so how could anyone human win, what kind of a fight is that?*

It's not just.

*Losing means your soul thrown down in the dust,
your heart torn from God's.*

But you can't not lose.

~Tony Kushner, *Angels in America (Millennium Approaches, Act II, scene 2)*

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Prelude on the AVE VERUM W. A. Mozart

WELCOME AND SHARING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

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.

YORFF INTROIT (11:00) Take this Light Kerri Lynn Nichols

*Take this light shining ever bright,
a beacon to follow in the darkest night,
and lift it high to the sky
for all the world to see.*

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

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PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Mike Fike

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.

ANTHEM (11:00) Sing a New Song Schütz, arr. Jennings
Andrea Nolley, flute

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.

Largo e spiccato Vivaldi-Bach
(from Concerto in D Minor)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8 NRSV

***HYMN # 350** Lord, teach us how to pray aright DAYTON

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, adapted

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-31 NRSV

SERMON "Throwing Down" Chris Zepp

RESPONDING

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

***HYMN # 135** God, whose purpose is to kindle BAPTISM BY FIRE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00) "All Glory be to God on High" F. W. Zachau

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

October 20-26, 2019 (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	Lounge
	Noon	Jr. High Lunch & Games – Youth Room / Social Hall	
	3:00	“Caring & Sharing” Concert	Sanctuary
Tues.	9 a.m.	A Matter of Balance	Agape Room
Wed.	5:30	Wednesday Night Meal <i>Prepared by Palmer Lee Berry</i> <i>Menu: “Meat Bomb” (beef stew), Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Corn, Cookies</i> <i>Suggested Donation: \$10 adults / \$5 kids</i>	Social Hall
	5:30	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:00	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape Room
	6:45	Yorffs Rehearsal	Room # 35
Thurs.	5:30	BWCoB Music Staff Meeting	Lounge
	7:00	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri.	6:00	Brethren Student Movement – Youth Room / Social Hall	

NEXT SUNDAY– October 27, 2019

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

Preaching: Christy Dowdy

Sermon: “Coming to the Temple”

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Children’s Worship during Worship at 11 – Agape Room

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Council Meeting is **November 10**, following the Youth Fundraiser Lunch. Top item on the agenda will be the 2020 budget.

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

Christy Dowdy – Interim Senior Pastor

Chris Zepp – Associate Pastor

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

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Phil Flory – Treasurer

Karissa Hunt – Financial Secretary

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Kasey Carns – Ministry Intern

Josh Eye – Interim 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.

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.

Decorators – Mary Ann Angleberger, Anita Beckman

Linda Dean, Bea Miller

Deacon Caregivers – Kathy & Tim Shrader

Fellowship Host – Palmer Lee Berry

Pianist (8:30) – Cindy Fike

Head Usher – Don Remnant

Van Drivers – Wayne & Mary Ann Angleberger

Worship Leaders – Cindy and Mike Fike

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 10/13/19

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 19 11:00 – 216 Sunday School: 120

Pledges & Envelope Giving	\$12,355.00
Loose Offering	236.05
Food Pantry	284.67
Books	88.00
Scouting Program	100.00
Wednesday Night Meals	300.00
Nigeria EYN	100.00
JOY Circle	12.15

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: *Psalm 96*

Sing a new song to God the Lord, Sing and give praise with one accord.
For His salvation He doth give, That, through His mercy, we may live.
Hymns of great joy to Him address.

Honor His works and bless His name, His grace and truth to all proclaim.
Heaven above and earth below, Ocean and field His glory show.

All of God's creatures sing His praise, Let us now too our voices raise.
Glory and thanks to Him belong, Honor Him evermore in song.

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ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY

Our library display this week is books that members of the Library Committee recommend. One title, *I Think You're Wrong (But I Am Listening): a guide to grace-filled political conversations* is particularly timely and is written by Sarah Stewart Holland and Beth Silvers, podcasters of "Pantsuit Politics."

"CARING AND SHARING," a concert to benefit Walk to End Alzheimer's for the American Alzheimer's Association, will be presented in our sanctuary this afternoon at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Participating members of our congregation are John Barr, Kathy Guisewite, Kyle Remnant, and Curtis Nolley. Donations for the Alzheimer's Association Walk Team *Hope for a Cure* are appreciated at the concert or online at <http://act.alz.org/goto/mkadams>.

INTERIM PASTOR CHRISTY DOWDY is preaching today, along with her spouse, Dale, at the Mill Creek Church of the Brethren for their Renewal Services. They had accepted this invitation prior to her being contracted with Bridgewater COB. "Into the Deep," is the focus of the series which continues Sunday and Monday evenings, at 7 pm.

IT'S IN THE MAIL!

A letter is coming to your mailbox, encouraging and inviting you to make a pledge and prayerfully consider your giving to Bridgewater Church of the Brethren for the 2020 church year. You will be invited to bring your pledge card to worship **November 10**, or it can be turned in to the church office (if you cannot be present that morning). During this interim time, your gifts of time, prayer and financial commitments are as important as ever!