

Share What Is True

Confession of Faith

One: The Holy Spirit came from the Father, confirming the truth about who Jesus was and what he came to accomplish.

All: We testify, that God gave us eternal life through the Son.

One: Jesus appeared among us in the flesh. We heard it with our ears, we saw it with our eyes, we verified it with our hands. Christ has come.

All: We testify, that we have fellowship with the Father and the Son, and with one another.

One: What are we to say about these things? God put everything on the line for us by embracing our condition and sending his own Son.

All: We testify, that nothing can separate us from the love we have in Christ.

One: Do not be ashamed to share the good news, the testimony about our Lord. By the grace of God, we have the speech, the knowledge, the strength.

All: We testify, that the grace of God in Christ Jesus is available to all. Praise God for this gift!

—Mark Flory Steury
South Whitley, Indiana

Text for today: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as *the testimony of Christ* has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:3-9, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (6); John 1:29-42.

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THE TESTIMONY OF CHRIST



BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

at Worship January 19, 2020 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Look, I am about to do something new.
Now it begins to happen!
Do you not recognize it?
Yes, I will make a road in the wilderness
and paths in the wastelands. – Isaiah 43:19*

GATHERING

PRELUDE (11:00) Meditation on SWEET SACRAMENT *Elizabeth Krouse*

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

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.

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and brothers, we live sustained
by God's presence and love.

All: Thanks be to God

One: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

All: God weeps with us.

One: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters
who have lived in faith,

All: God gives thanks with us.

One: As we struggle for justice,

All: God struggle with us.

One: As we strive for peace,

All: God strives with us.

One: As we work to build the beloved community,

All: God works with us.

One: As we offer our gifts to all,

All: God blesses us.

One: Sisters and brothers, sustained by God's presence and love
we worship God.

***HYMN # 366** *God of grace and God of glory* CWM RHONDDA

*INVOCATION PRAYER

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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.

TIME OF PRAYER

**Community Joys and Concerns
Prayer of the People**

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 8: 18, 21-22 (NIV)

ANTHEM (11:00) There is a Balm in Gilead arr. *Boesiger / McDonald*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:19 (NET)

MESSAGE

Is there a Balm in Gilead?

Paul Munday

REFLECTIONS (8:30)

Music for contemplation, followed by conversation.

RESPONDING

*HYMN # 299

New earth, heavens new

ALEXANDRA

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

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

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

Prelude on SONG 13

Healey Willan

("Open are the gifts of God")

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN # 538 (8:30)

Lead me, Lord

579 (11:00)

Lift every voice and sing

ANTHEM

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (11:00) Postlude on "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *John Barr*

* Rise as able in body and spirit.

MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

January 19-25, 2020 (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.

Sun.	9 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Blood Pressure Clinic	Lounge
		Children's Worship during Worship at 11	– Agape Room
	5:00	Youth Movie Night	– Home of the Zepps
Tues.	2:00	Stewardship Committee	Lounge
	7:00	Food Pantry	Social Hall
Wed.	5:30	Cherub Choir Rehearsal	Agape
	6:00	Carol Choir Rehearsal	Agape
	6:45	Yorff Choir Rehearsal	Room # 35
Thurs.	6:00	Brethren Student Movement	Carter Center
	7:00	Puppets Rehearsal	Agape Room
	7:30	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Sat.	10-6	District Sr. High Retreat with IYC	

NEXT SUNDAY– January 26, 2020

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

BSM Sunday: Worship planned & led by our campus ministry –
Brethren Student Movement

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

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

Youth Hangout and Games – Noon – Youth Room

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

Fortunato Correa – Custodian

Phil Flory – Treasurer

Karissa Hunt – Financial Secretary

Shannon Puffenbarger – Administrative Assistant

Leon Rhodes – Head Teller

PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Kathleen Arndt – Child Care Center Administrator

John Barr – Organist

Jim Benedict – Bell Choir Director

Kasey Carns – Youth 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

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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 – Lori Lineweaver & Dwynn Stovall

Head Usher – Palmer Lee Berry

Pianist (8:30) – Crystal Brubaker

Fellowship Host – Nikki Watson

Van Drivers – David Lineweaver & Rick Fawley

Worship Leader – Christy Dowdy

ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP FOR SUNDAY: 1/12/20

Worship Attendance: 8:30 – 23 11:00 – 237 Sunday School: 133

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Church User Fees	350.00
<i>Messenger</i> Subscription	15.00
Nigeria EYN	100.00
Youth Programs	370.00

TRANSITION TEAM CALLED

Thank you to the 25 persons who agreed to be nominated to serve on the transition team. From those nominations, the executive committee called forth this intergenerational group who will be working this next year with Interim Pastor Christy Dowdy as the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren Transition Team: Melanie Bair, Anita Beckman, Erin Dalrymple, Heather Driver, Mike Fike, Terry Houff, Andrew Kreps, Fred Swartz.

TODAY'S ANTHEM TEXT: *African American Spiritual*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,

Just tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all.

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WE WELCOME Annual Conference Moderator Paul Munday to our worship services this morning. Paul has been a pastor, church administrator, writer, speaker, workshop leader, consultant and teacher for more than 40 years. Paul served as Senior Pastor of the Frederick Church of the Brethren in Frederick, MD for 20 years. Currently, he also serves as Moderator of GraceWay Church of the Brethren, Baltimore, MD and the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, as well as serving as a trustee with Bridgewater College.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Bridgewater College invites you to multiple events celebrating the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this week. Starting at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Oakdale Park, the celebration begins with remarks from guest speakers, followed by a community march to the BC campus, where a reception will follow in the Kline Campus Center lobby. *New Yorker* columnist Jelani Cobb will present an endowed lecture in the evening. The documentary *It Is Well* will be shown on Wednesday. The events are free and open to the public, and community members are welcome to attend any and all. A schedule and more information are available at bridgewater.edu/MLK

PASTORS' SCHEDULES

Interim Pastor Christy will be on vacation January 25- February 2.

Pastor Chris will be away attending meetings with Supportive

Community Network January 27-January 30. Emergency pastoral care will be offered by Robert Alley if needs arise. Please contact the church office at (540) 828-3711 or churchoffice@bwcob.org;

2019 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS are available for pick-up today. Any that you can deliver to a neighbor to help save postage would be appreciated.