

## Sing to God

### Gathering Prayer

Lord,

we declare that we have reasons to sing today!

We sing to praise your character and your deeds.

You melt your enemies.

You are Father to the fatherless,

a home for the homeless,

and a family for the lonely.

You are freedom for the prisoners.

We remember your faithfulness to us through our trials,  
and the abundant promises you have already fulfilled.

We cannot keep this to ourselves!

We tell everyone about your power, might, and strength.

You are holy. We sing in your presence!

Amen.

### Hymn

### Sing praise to God who reigns

No. 59, *Hymnal: A Worship Book*

—Danielle Sommers  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

**Text for today:** "Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God. But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. Sing to God, sing praises to his name; *lift up a song* to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the LORD—be exultant before him. . . . Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!" (Psalm 68:1-4, 32-35, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4); 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

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Lift up a  
*song*





## MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & NURTURE

November 21-27, 2021 (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.

**Mon. 4:00** Memorial reception for Graham family Fellowship Hall  
**Thursday – Saturday Church Office Closed**

### **ATTENDANCE/FINANCIAL GIFTS, SUNDAY, 11/14/21:**

Worship Attendance: 8:30: 12 11:00: 107

**\$615.47** Online donations  
**\$614.20** Envelope Offering  
**\$1.27** Processing Fees  
**\$448.00** Weekly direct deposit  
**\$448.00** Envelope Offering

### **Offering from Sunday, November 14**

**\$10,797.11**, check and cash donations; **\$10,774.00** (30 checks) and **\$17.11** (cash)

<b>\$7,994.00</b>	Envelope Offering
<b>\$67.11</b>	Loose Offering
<b>\$1,280.00</b>	Crop Walk
<b>\$200.00</b>	Friendship Circle
<b>\$200.00</b>	Love Offering - Shannon
<b>\$1,000.00</b>	Improvements Fund
<b>\$50.00</b>	Organ Fund

### **The worship center arrangement is in gratitude for our children.**

November is National Adoption Month and we honor our children, Mark and Casey, who we adopted as infants and our grandson, Mason, who was adopted by Casey and her husband, also as an infant.

“Be a Light to Those Who are Waiting” is the 2021 theme for National Donor Sabbath and we honor our son, Scott, who is waiting for a third kidney transplant.

Thank you for continued prayers for our children. Thanksgiving blessings to our BWCOB family.

– Jan and John Flora

You are invited to pick up the **2021 Advent Devotional**, “Do not be Afraid,” by pastor Angela Finet. This Brethren Press publication is funded through the church budget and is a gift for every family. The daily devotions begin on November 28.

## SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION & TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

- We ask you wear your mask during in-person worship to protect all present.
- Your offering can be placed in the plates at the front or back of the sanctuary.
- Following worship, we encourage you to respect social distance as you fellowship and visit together.

### **HOSPITALITY CENTER in the Greeting Hall**

Large-print Bibles, hymnals, & bulletins; listening receivers; and information are available here.

### **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.

**Worship Leader** – Christy Dowdy

**8:30 Service Pianist** – Ann Daggett

**Flutes** – Andrea Nolley and Claire Wayman

**Hospitality Desk** – Mike Fike

**Head Usher** – Palmer Lee Berry

**A-V Volunteers** – Mark Dowdy & Dave Lineweaver

**Music Director** – Curtis Nolley

**Decorators** – Lori Lineweaver and Andrea Miracle

**November Deacon Caregiver** – Bea Miller

**Bulletin Delivery to BRC** – Sally Jane Conner

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## BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

*An inclusive family of faith seeking to follow Jesus  
and live the love of God.*

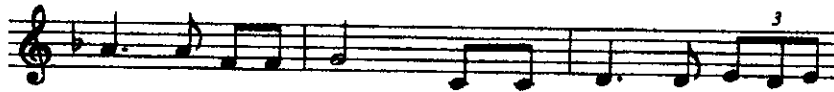
### IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

*EL SENYOR ÉS LA MEVA FORÇA*

Jacques Berthier



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the  
*El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se -*



Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -  
*nyor el me - u cant. Ell m'ha es - tat la sal - va - ci -*



fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is  
*ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc*



near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.  
*por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por.*

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As you prepare for Thanksgiving, your **church library** has lots of children's books on the holiday and adult books on gratitude. You may also want to make room in your Thanksgiving table for a jigsaw puzzle you can find in our updated library - Peggy Lineweaver.

#### ***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*

#### ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES MINISTRY STAFF

Phil Flory – *Treasurer*

Karissa Hunt – *Financial Secretary*

Leon Rhodes – *Head Teller*

#### PROGRAM & MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Kathleen Arndt – *Child Care Center Administrator*

John Barr – *Organist*

Jim Benedict – *Bell Choir Director*

Mary Beth Flory – *Pianist*

Marianne Houff – *Children's Choir Director*

Curtis Nolley – *Sanctus Choir Director & Music Coordinator*

Kaity & Kyle Remnant – *Youth Ministry Coordinators*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

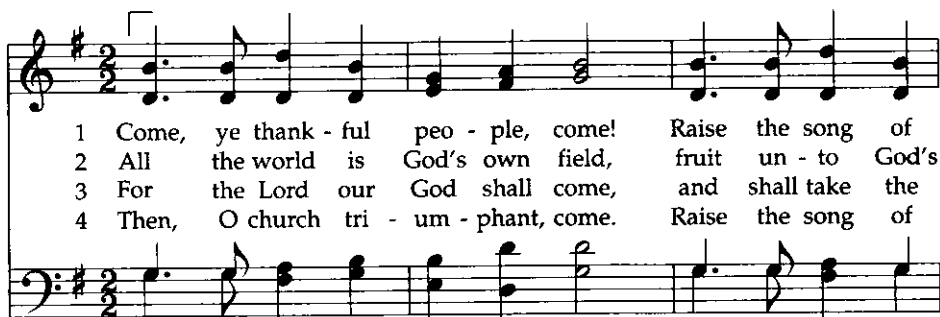
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Current office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- Noon, and 1-3 p.m.

## Come, ye thankful people

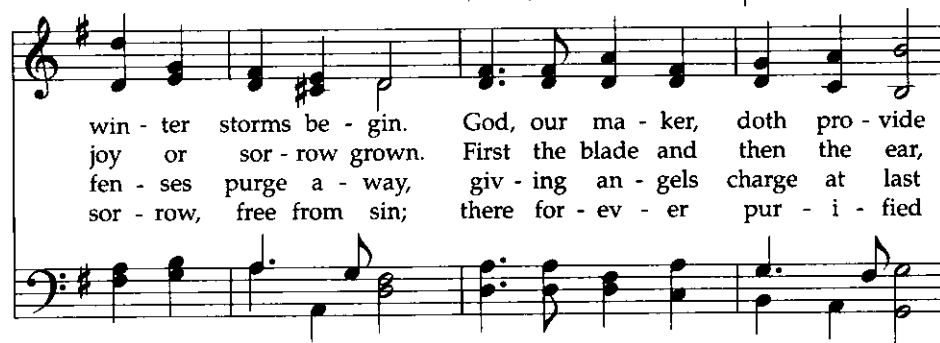
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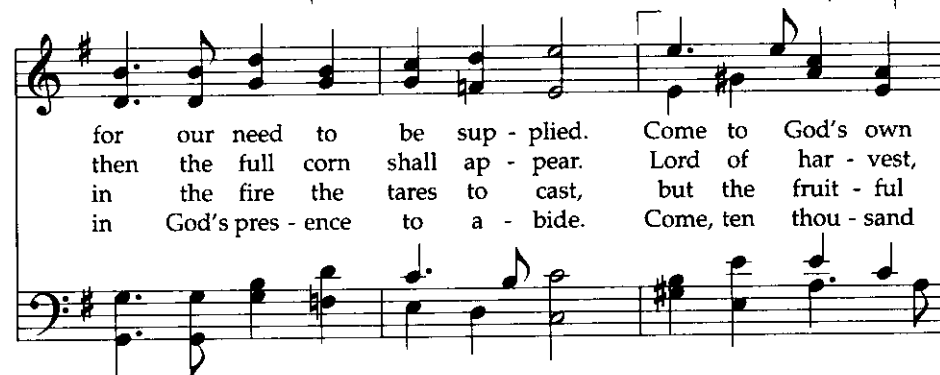
1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come! Raise the song of  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to God's  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the  
 4 Then, O church tri - um - phant, come. Raise the song of



har - vest home. All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the  
 praise to yield; wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to  
 har - vest home, from the field shall in that day all of -  
 har - vest home. All are safe - ly gath - ered in, free from



win - ter storms be - gin. God, our ma - ker, doth pro - vide  
 joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and then the ear,  
 fen - ses purge a - way, giv - ing an - gels charge at last  
 sor - row, free from sin; there for - ev - er pur - i - fied



for our need to be sup - plied. Come to God's own  
 then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of har - vest,  
 in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruit - ful  
 in God's pres - ence to a - bide. Come, ten thou - sand

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## My life flows on

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING 87. 87 with refrain



1 My life flows on in end-less song, a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring-ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



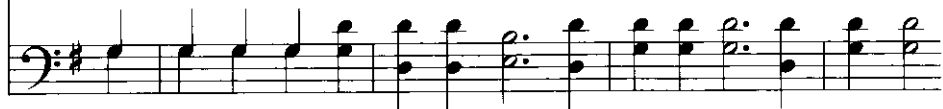
I catch the sweet, though far off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



### Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



Text: Robert Lowry, *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, 1869, alt.

Music: Robert Lowry, *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, 1869, refrain alt.