

## **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.*

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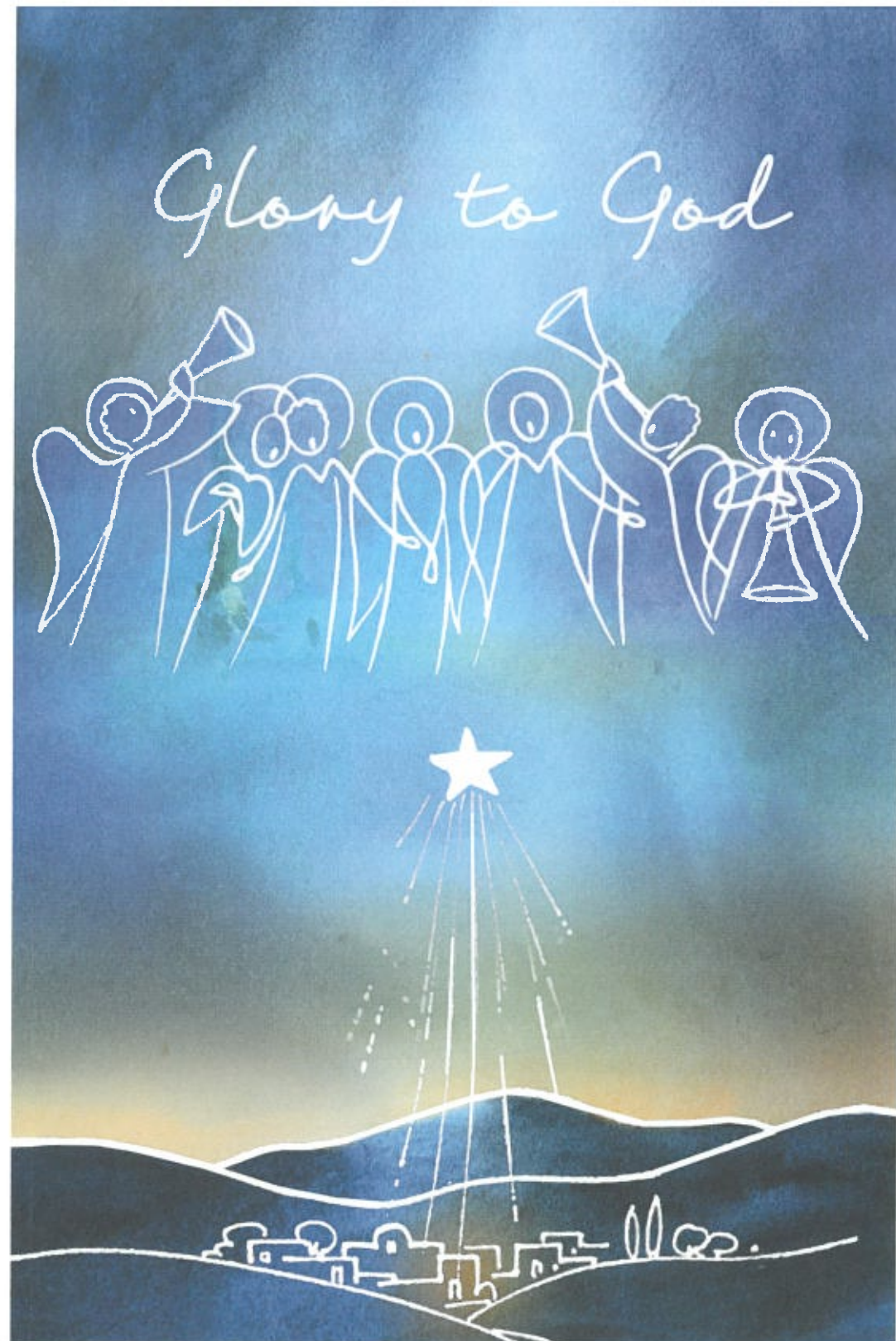
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**Text for today:** "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!' " (Luke 2:13-14, *NRSVue*). Bible readings for today: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) (14)

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# BRIDGEWATER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

Live and Streaming on YouTube – 11:00 AM

**Gathering Music** *Variations on "Noël polonais"* Alexandre Guilmant

## Call and Response

**\*Hymn #210** *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

## Welcome

## Invocation

**Handbell Trio** *Carol of the Bells* arr. K. Wissinger

**\*Luke 2:15-21**

**\*Hymn #215** *What Child is this?*

## Children's Story

## Prayers

Prayers of the People  
Song - #204 *Gloria*  
Morning Prayer

**Anthem** *Still, Still, Still* arr. Mack Wilberg

## Poetic Reading of John 1:1-5

**Meditation** *God with Us, Love for Us* Jennifer K. Scarr

## Affirmation of Faith

Like Mary,  
**we believe in cherishing good news.**  
Like the angels,  
**we believe in singing God's praise.**  
Like the shepherds,

**we believe that God's presence in our life is something worth talking about.**

Like generations before,  
**we believe that God is with us.**

Like the generations to come,  
**we believe that God is with us.**

God is here. God is love.

**We believe. Thanks be to God!**

## Communion

*You are invited forward, as directed, for communion by intinction.*

**\*Hymn #189** *To us a Child of hope is born*

## \*Benediction

**\*Postlude** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Alfred Fedak  
**\*Rise as able in body and spirit**



## In Ministry with You This Morning

**Worship Leaders** – Erin Dalrymple, Jennifer K. Scarr, David Miller

**Music Director** – Curtis Nolley

**Organist** – Larry Taylor

**Pianist** – Mary Beth Flory

**Bell Choir Director** – Jim Benedict

**Bell Trio** – Michael Overman, Sara Aron, Mark Dowdy

**Children's Storyteller** – Jennifer K. Scarr

**Hospitality Desk** – Bill Faw

**Head Usher** – Palmer Lee Berry

**A-V Volunteers** – Mark Dowdy & Michael Overman

**Decorators** – Advent Decorating Team

**December Deacon Caregivers** – Andrea and Curtis Nolley

**Bulletin Delivery to BRC** – Carol and Wayne Spangler

**BRC Shuttle Bus** – Edgar Simmons

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office will be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Should an emergency arise, please contact the Crisis Care Pastor.

Crisis Care for the week of Dec. 25-January 1: Pastor Erin  
Crisis Care for the week of January 2-7: Pastor Jen

**2023 Commitment Cards** – If you have not already done so, please turn in your 2023 Commitment Cards as soon as possible. We ask that you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your financial contributions to support the congregation's ministry. We appreciate your support of Bridgewater Church of the Brethren and look forward to sharing our diverse lives and gifts with each other and the world.

**Giving Envelopes** – If you have reserved envelopes for giving, you may pick them up at the Hospitality Desk today.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

TODAY: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

December 27-29: Light replacement in the Social Hall and Greeting Hall

December 30: Frank Fuller Memorial Service, 2:00 PM

There will be no Friday Bulletin Board email this week

January 1: News Years Day worship, one service at 11:00 AM

Dec 26-Jan 1: Vacation for Pastor David, Pastor Jen and office manager, Bettie Tindall

### ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

8:30 am: 17                      11:00 am: 176  
Virtually: 57 unique devices

### TREASURER'S REPORT

To Church Budget: \$14,214.00 Pledged & Unpledged

#### Specific Funds

\$1,390.00 Christmas Offering            \$ 50.00 Altruistic SS Class  
\$ 200.00 International Scholarship    \$1,000.00 CELC

## ANTHEM

**Still, Still, Still**

arr. Mack Wilberg

Still, still, still, the child's eyes softly close.  
And Mary, breathless, draws Him, weeping,  
To her heart made pure for keeping.  
Still, still, still, his bright eyes softly close.

Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles.  
And kneeling, Joseph joins in chorus  
With the angels bending o'er us.  
Sing, sing, sing, he hears and sweetly smiles.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh,  
For soon He'll wake the world from slumber,  
Bringing life and endless wonder,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He breathes a tender sigh.

Sleep, Holy Jesus,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep.

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# Good Christian friends, rejoice 210

IN DULCI JUBILO 66. 77. 78. 55

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce, with heart and soul and voice.  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce, with heart and soul and voice.  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce, with heart and soul and voice.

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day!  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are bless'd for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

# 215 What child is this

GREENSLEEVES 87. 87. 68. 67

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox - and  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

lap is sleep - ing, whom an - gels greet with an - thems  
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear, for sin - ners  
 king, to own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion

sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 here the si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
 brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the

Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.  
 pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 song on high; the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Text: *In dulci júbilo*, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale, *Carols for Christmaside*, 1853, alt.  
 Music: *Geistliche Lieder*, 1535; harmonized by Robert L. Pearsall

Text: William C. Dix, *The Manger Throne*, 1865  
 Music: Traditional English melody

# 189 To us a Child of hope is born

ZERAH CM extended

1 To us a Child of hope is born, to us a  
 2 His name shall be the Prince of peace, for - ev - er -  
 3 His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no

Son is giv'n. Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey,  
 more a - dored, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or,  
 end shall know. Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove,

him all the hosts of heav'n, him shall the tribes of  
 the great and might - y Lord, the Won - der - ful, the  
 and peace a - bound be - low, jus - tice shall guard his

earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n.  
 Coun - sel - or, the great and might - y Lord.  
 throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.