

Our Mission
-A family of God growing in Christ, empowered to serve -

Worship
March 23, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Special Music *Rock-A My Soul* Handbell Choir
(by Brenda Austin)

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *I believe in Thee, Lord Jesus, as God's beloved Son*
arr. J. Dixon

Call to Worship Reba Baliles

Psalm 95:1-2, Isaiah 55:1-3, Isaiah 1:18, Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

Congregation: Psalm 95:1-2 (NLT)
Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

Worship Leader: Isaiah 55:1-3 (NLT)

Congregation: Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)
“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”

Worship Leader: Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

Congregation: Psalm 95:1-2 (NLT)
Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come to him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to him.

*Praise *God So Loved*
This Is Amazing Grace

Prayer

Anthem *O Jesus, We Adore You* Chancel Choir
(by Mark Hill)

Pastoral Prayer

Parent and Child Dedication
Eleanor (Nora) Elizabeth Toms - Daughter of Cody and Ali Toms

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Drop, drop, slow tears & bathe those beauteous feet*
arr. P. Niedmann

*Sung Response to Offering *Doxology (#668)*

Teaching Scripture Luke 15:11-16, 17-24, 25-32

Sermon *Let It Go* Pastor Mark
(Re-examining limits we place on mercy and grace)

Reflection and Response

*Sending *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy* (insert)

*Benediction

*Postlude *And Can It Be?* T. Campbell

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
Organist Pamela Wert
Music Leadership Elizabeth Thorpe
Worship Leader Reba Baliles

Today, March 23rd

Childcare is available for infants thru age 4 in the Crib Room during the 9:30 a.m. worship service and the Sunday School hour following.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God In Loving Memory of V. Darlene Kelso for her 85th Birthday today, given by her family.

Special Offerings will be taken by Missions & Service Commission TODAY, Sunday, March 23, 2025, for District Meat Canning. Please use the offering envelopes provided in the pews and mark it Meat Canning.

Deadline for April Pastor’s Pen is TODAY. Please submit all information to the church office.

Smart Cookies Preschool Committee will meet on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

A Vacation Bible School meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Worship and Music Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Table Games are held each week on Wednesdays from 1 to 4PM in the Brethren Haus. YOU are invited to join us. Games played vary but are chosen once we meet. We are always willing to learn a new one if you bring it. Snacks are welcome, but not necessary.

Smart Cookies Preschool Special Executive Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Stewardship Commission will meet on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, April 2nd between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car! First come-first served basis.

The next 4th Street Kids programming (grades 1-5) will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd. Families of our Youth and Kids will be invited to share in the light supper at 5:30 in the Brethren Life Center. We also plan to provide childcare for nursery and kindergarten children.

The Mid-Week Planning Committee will meet on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Fellowship and Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mini-Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item for the Board, please contact Marsha Smith one week prior to the meeting.

We need small, wrapped candy donations (lollipops are good, but please no hard candy) for our Easter Party being held on Wednesday, April 16th beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is a box located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby for drop-off. Thank you for your candy donation.

You Are Invited To the Easter Party on Wednesday, April 16th starting at 5:30 pm. Easter crafts & games, interactive Bible Story, Moon-Bounce, Food, Candy, and so much more!!

20th Annual Taste of the Valley will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at LifePoint Church, 339 Lincoln Way East. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., eating at 6:00 p.m. and the live auction starts at 7:00 p.m. The silent auction starts at 5:00 p.m. and goes throughout dinner. Tickets are \$30.00. Please contact Lynn Rotz for tickets at 717-816-1510.

Southern PA District Women's Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Huntsdale Church of the Brethren, 170 Church Road, Carlisle, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Speaker is Dava Hensley 2025 Annual Conference Moderator. She will reflect on our faith in God when we are grieving along with the various reasons for grief. The cost is \$10 per person. Brochures with registration forms are available in the Brethren Life Center Lobby and Narthex. The deadline for reservations to the District is March 29th.

Palm Sunday Worship – April 13, 2025
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
NO Sunday School

Immediately following Worship
LOVE FEAST AND COMMUNION
in our Brethren Life Center

Our Deacons invite all to come as we eat a simple meal together, serve one another through the washing of hands or feet, and celebrate his death and resurrection with the traditional bread and juice of holy communion.

The Love Feast will be family friendly with children, ages 5 and older welcome to participate.
***Childcare for younger children will be provided.**

2025 Membership Directories are in your church mailbox and in the Narthex for anyone wishing to have an extra. Small directories are also available for anyone to take. Directory binders can be reused so rather than throwing out your old directory, you can place them in the box provided.

Sign-up Sheet for Worship leading for 2025 is on the Welcome Table in the Brethren Life Center lobby. Please consider serving in this important worship ministry!

Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and a light meal each week for our Youth Group meetings. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the Brethren Life Center lobby!

Needed: Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Place items in the barrel located in the Brethren Life Center Lobby. Please check expiration dates on the items as some have been outdated.

Church Closing Schedule – March – Luke Preso;
 April – Sam Wingert; May – Terry Gibbons

To give online, please scan



March 16, 2025

Worship – 107

Sunday School - 41

Unified Budget Needed to Date	\$ 96,400.74
Actual Income through 2/28/25	\$ 61,181.88
Actual Expenses through 2/28/25	\$ 73,077.94
Net as of 2/28/25	\$-11,896.06

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles

Pastor of Music and Worship: Elizabeth Thorpe

Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert

Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden

Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM - Sunday School – 10:30 AM

Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday– Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Friday – 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon

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