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

Worship
November 22, 2026
9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Informal Moments

Prelude *Psalm 117: Praise the Lord, all nations!* E. L. Diemer

Call to Worship Linda Hawbaker
Psalm 100

One: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

All: Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* (#638)

*Prayer

Anthem *Let Every Thankful Heart* Chancel Choir
P. Mock/arr. D. Nolan

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* arr. L. Leatherman

*Sung Response to Offering *Give Thanks* (#576)

Pastoral Prayer

Teaching Scripture Colossians 3:12-17 (NLT)

Sermon *Hindrances to a Grateful Heart* Pastor Mark

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (#96)

*Benediction

*Postlude *Gigue* G. Young

(*All who are able, please stand.)

Thank you to all who serve us in worship today:
Worship Leadership Linda Hawbaker

Today, November 22nd

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as during the Sunday School hour. Nursery/Toddlers (age 0-2) are in the crib room off the Narthex. Pre-school/Kindergarten (age 3-5) are in room #6 on the lower level.

Contemporary Worship Service TODAY at 10:45 am! If you do not attend Sunday School, come join us at 10:45 am in the Brethren Life Center.

Elementary Children's Ministry Update – Elementary Sunday School (Grades 1 thru 5) is located on the upper level of the Brethren Haus.

The Hospitality Committee would like to invite you to join us at "The Crossroads" (Brethren Life Center Lobby) TODAY from 10:30-10:45 for refreshments. Anyone wanting to help provide refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet available on the Welcome Table in the Brethen Life Center lobby.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God in Celebration of the 54th Wedding Anniversary of John and Barbara Rotz.

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

Back by popular demand! The Fellowship & Recreation Commission will host Line Dancing TODAY, November 22, from 2-5pm.
Plan to join us for a fun afternoon of line dancing in the Brethren Life Center. Our instructors will be Scott Hambright and his friends. We will provide light refreshments & drinks. This event is perfect for everyone, whether you are a dancer or a spectator come out and enjoy the fellowship!

Church Board Minutes from the meeting held October 13, 2026, are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Brethren Life Center Lobby for anyone to view.

Women's Bible Study is held each week on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Challengers classroom. Studies on Paul's letters will be led by Nancy Deardorff. Join us!

4th Street Youth Group (Grades 6-12) is CANCELLED on Wednesday, November 25th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving with family and friends. Join us next Wednesday, December 2nd at 5:30 p.m. for a Christmas party.

No Table Games will be held on Wednesday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving. We will resume playing on Wednesday, December 2nd.

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mid-Week to Go.....plan to join us on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 between 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. for a meal delivered to your car!
First come-first served basis.

Opportunity to serve and share with the Salvation Army. Our congregation will again ring the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Project at The Butcher Shoppe on Thursday, December 3rd from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and sign-up for an hour or two!

Cookies Need for December's Mid-Week Meal - If you can help provide Christmas cookies for Mid-Week, please have cookies to the church by Tuesday, December 1st. Thank you for your donation!

Cookies Needed for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry – If you can help provide 2 or 3 dozen cookies to be given to the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry Cookie Collection, please bring to the church kitchen before worship on Sunday, December 13, 2026. The cookies are given to truckers and travelers in south central PA during the holiday season. Thank you for your donation.

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All church members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item for the Board, please contact Cody Toms one week prior to the meeting.

Sunday, December 13th in keeping with our recent tradition, we will be taking some time in our worship service for a "**Blue Sunday**" time of remembrance for church members and loved ones who have passed over the last 12 months. We typically read the names one at a time while a photo is projected on the screen. A family member or members are invited to come forward to light a candle in their memory. In addition to church members who have passed, if you have a loved one whom you would like to be included in the remembrance, please contact Carol in the church office.

We would like to make everyone aware that we have a new student enrolled at Smart Cookies Preschool who has severe peanut and tree nut allergy. To help keep our environment safe for all children, we ask that anyone using the Mini-Fellowship Hall kitchen please take extra care with food products that may contain peanuts or tree nuts. Your attention to this important safety measure is greatly appreciated. By working together, we can help ensure a safe and healthy environment for all of our little learners. Thank you for your cooperation and care.

16th Annual Camp Eder Christmas Tree Festival – Join us in celebrating the King on December 11th & 12th from 5-8 pm. See the woods transformed by lights and luminaries, take a hayride, Kid's Activities, and warm up inside with a hot meal, cozy fire, bake sale and enjoy all the decorated Christmas Trees.

Pre-Service Hymn Singing - The second Sunday of each month at 9:15 am. Come ready to request your favorite hymn or contact Robin with your request earlier in the week.

Blessing Box – We now have a Blessing Box on Liberty Street. We are asking church members to place non-perishable food items in our church blessing box to help neighbors in need.

Church Closing Schedule – November – Sam Wingert; December – Terry Gibbons

To give online, please scan

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November 15, 2026

Worship – 102 No Sunday School

Unified Budget Needed to Date	$430,363.58
Actual Income through 10/31/26	$444,644.89
Actual Expenses through 10/31/26	$426,225.58
Net as of 10/31/26	$ 18,419.31

Senior Pastor: Mark Baliles
Administrative Assistant: Carol Wingert
Director of Youth Ministry: Jessica Madden
Director of Music and Organist – Pamela Wert
Traditional Worship – 9:30 AM – Contemporary Worship – 10:45 AM
Sunday School – 10:35 AM
Children's Church - 9:30 AM-10:30 AM & 10:35AM – 11:45 AM.
Office Hours 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM - Monday – Thursday
Friday – 8:00 AM – 12 Noon - Lunch 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
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