

March 1, 2026

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Blue Hymnal 709

*Opening Hymn "The Church's one Foundation" Blue Hymnal 311

*Centering Prayer Blue Hymnal 696

*Worship Songs Praise medley on screen, guitar

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 50:15-21 Pew Bible 76

Offering Meditation

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story Pastor Mark
Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the kids come forward

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God a Capella" Blue Hymnal 349

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Can It Be" Choir

Scripture Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible 1401

Message "Passing it On" Pastor Mark

*Hymn of Response "Amazing Grace!" Blue Hymnal 143

*Benediction

*Sending in Praise Closing chorus on screen

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

VISITORS

Welcome to our service today!

We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).

The Calm Room in the back of the sanctuary is available for families to use if you need a quiet, private space for children.

Please Uplift in Prayer

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown, Rm 117A

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager, Apt 311

Miriam Mills, 3702 Eucalyptus Court, Chambersburg, PA 17202

Brethren Home

Mary Kate Henry, PC Rm 2918

Dolores Beard, PC Rm 4931

Mary Ann Dissinger, Brookside Rm 210

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets, Rm 422

Others: Family of Ritchie McKinley, Bob & Betty Stockslager,
Family of Bob Worley, Brenda Kneller, Katrina & Joel Zartman,
Dan & Susie Smith, Frank McDonald & Family, Mary Myers

WEEK 3

13th day of Lent – March 4th – If I have made a commitment to Jesus as my Savior, isn't going to church on Sunday enough? That's at least an hour, so how does a daily short read bring me closer? It becomes so easy to have other distractions in our everyday life, push our relationship with God far back and our thoughts of Him become sporadic, and prayer can become stale and used only for emergencies. Then joy, contentment, and peace can get replaced by worry, doubt, and fear. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

14th day of Lent – March 5th – Since observance of Lent began centuries ago, isn't it outdated today? Maybe the question to ask is: "Is faith in Jesus outdated?" How would you answer that question? The Bible says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

15th day of Lent – March 6th - If I decide to fast, how do I explain to others that I am fasting for Lent? We are directed to fast as a personal choice and action. It is not meant to be something we do to impress others. "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:16-18

16th day of Lent – March 7th – Where did the name LENT come from? The word LENT itself comes from the Old English word, *lencten*, meaning springtime, reflecting both the season and the preparation time before Easter, each meaning new life. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

3rd Sunday during Lent – March 8th – "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23

17th day of Lent – March 9th – How long is fasting supposed to last? The duration of a Christian fast varies depending on the individual's beliefs, goals, and physical condition. Some fasts last for a few hours, while others can go on for days, weeks, or even months. Regardless of the length of the fast, the main focus is on spiritual growth, self-reflection, and discipline. "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16-17

18th day of Lent – March 10th - So does a 40 day fast mean one cannot eat for 40 days? Only in rare instances. Usually, a 40-day fast means denying oneself of a particular food or pleasure for the length of Lent or another agreed purpose. Still focus is to seek out a closer relationship with God and to listen for His guidance. "At that time, I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over." Daniel 10:2-3

Announcements

March Newsletter: Pick one up today.

Easter Flowers: Order them today. Order forms in lobby.

Deacon's Meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 6 pm.

Cancellation: Bread of Life is cancelled for March 5.

Spring Forward: Sunday, March 8. Please change your clocks.

Board Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2026.

Over 60's: Wednesday, March 11 at 12 pm.

Women's Fellowship Meeting: Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm.

Two Day Yard Sale: March 20 and 21. Please bring your items through Wednesday, March 18. Help needed- please see Amy.

Bible Study: Fridays at 11 am.

Craft Group: Meets every Thursday at 9 am. Join us!

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Benefit Dinner:

Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 6 pm at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren. See flyer on bulletin board.

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School - 16 Worship - 41

Giving Last Week

General - \$2,344 Building Rental - \$397

(Budget Need Per Week - \$4,202)

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Activities This Week

Sunday, Mar 1

Monday, Mar 2

Tuesday, Mar 3

Wednesday, Mar 4

Thursday, Mar 5

Friday, Mar 6

Sunday, Mar 8

Monday, Mar 9

Tuesday, Mar 10

Wednesday, Mar 11

Thursday, Mar 12

Friday, Mar 13

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Tax Prep - 7 am

Line Dance - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

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Deacons - 6 pm

AA - 8 pm

Line Dance - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Bible Study - 11 am

Upcoming Activities

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Assisting Us

Worship Leader

Music Director/Pianist

Organist

Deacons of the Month/Welcomers

Head Usher

Bulletin Board

Andy Bowman

Roxie Schloyer

Bev Wolf

Ed & Jackie Swartz

Roger Bollinger

Kim Smith