

March 8, 2026

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Red Hymnal 509

*Opening Hymns Red Hymnal
"Rock of Ages" 507 "Tell it to Jesus" 510, v.1

*Centering Prayer Red Hymnal 512

*Worship Songs Praise Medley On Screen, guitar

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 28:1-2 Pew Bible 790

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 Lona Bridenbaugh
Sing "Jesus Loves the Little Children" as the kids come forward

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" Red Hymnal 514, v. 1

Morning Prayer

Special Music "Sinner Saved by Grace" Choir

Scripture Psalm 91, Psalm 88 Pew Bible 852, 848

Message "A Tale of Two Psalms" Pastor Mark

*Hymn of Response BLUE Hymnal 497

"Come Ye Disconsolate"

*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: Dan & Susie Smith, Frank McDonald & Family, Mary Myers

Week 4

19th day of Lent – March 11th – How do group 40-hour fasts differ? Giving up ice cream or chocolate for 40 hours is easy. Often 40-hour fasts take place in a group setting and only water or another simple beverage is taken in to prevent dehydration. These fasts are usually combined with a lock-down experience where there is no contact with the outside world. Their purpose is to seek out a closer relationship with God and seek His Will for individuals and/or the group. “He says, “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

20th day of Lent – March 12th – If everyone reads these devotions – how is it then that they are personal for me? The Bible was written by many authors, over many years, yet it is as relevant today as it ever was. We only have to remember the parables Jesus told of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son to understand the value of one person or open the Bible to any place and begin reading to show how God used one person to accomplish much. “There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:12,27

21st day of Lent – March 13th - Where does the not eating meat, and only fish originate? – There are several theories of the practice. By Levitical Laws, fish was an acceptable meat to eat. In Christian symbolism, the fish in the story of Jesus’ miraculously feeding 5,000 people by multiplying five loaves and two fish. Fishing was an honest occupation. “Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams you may eat any that have fins and scales.” Leviticus 11:9

22nd day of Lent – March 14th Is there only one right way to observe Lent? No. Over the years, as the observance of Lent has expanded and grown, the traditions and practices have become integrated into local customs and beliefs have become as diversified as the believers. Due to the flexibility of Lenten practices, there has been widespread acceptance and observance. “He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” Luke 24:46-47

4th Sunday during Lent – March 15th - “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4

23rd Day of Lent – March 16th – I have Christian friends that live in different areas of the world and attend different churches. Observing Lent appears to be different from one another. Are we really all focusing on what is important? Christians around the world agree that what is important is that people focus on what helps them deepen their faith and commitment to Christ, ““Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.” John 5:24

24rd Day of Lent – March 17th – Is there any benefit spiritually after Easter in observing Lent before? Any time we grow in our faith, it is meant to be forever. “For everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” Hebrews 5:13-14

Announcements

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

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.

April Newsletter Article Deadline: March 15.

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

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

Bible Study: Resumes Fridays at 11 am in April.

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 - 23 Worship - 70

Giving Last Week

General - \$3,473.15 Building Rental - \$206
HACC - \$500 Camp Eder - \$500
Children's Aid - \$500 Brethren Home Good Sam - \$500
(Budget Need Per Week - \$4,202)

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Activities This Week

Sunday, Mar 8

Monday, Mar 9

Tuesday, Mar 10

Wednesday, Mar 11

Thursday, Mar 12

Sunday, Mar 15

Monday, Mar 16

Tuesday, Mar 17

Wednesday, Mar 18

Thursday, Mar 19

Friday, Mar 20

Saturday, Mar 21

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

Tax Prep - 7 am

Line Dance - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

Board Meeting - 7 pm

Tax Prep - 7 am

AA - 8 pm

Over 60's - 12 pm

Line Dance - 2 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Women's Fellowship - 7 pm

Upcoming Activities

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

Newsletter Article Deadline

Tax Prep - 7 am

Al Anon - 7 pm

AA - 8 pm

Choir - 7 pm

Crafts - 9 am

Yard Sale - 7 am

Newsletter Assembly

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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