

Welcome to Spring Creek Church of the Brethren

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to all in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Welcome to this time of worship, Christian education and fellowship.

Preparation for Worship

God of life and love, thank you for the mothers who gave us birth and for all women with mothering hearts.

First Time Worshipping With Us? We are glad you have joined us and hope you will come to see us again soon. If you would like to use a hearing assistance device or large print Hymnals and Bibles, please see an Usher. We offer child care for infants and toddlers (East of the Gathering Area) and Kid's Zone for young children ages 4 through 3rd grade in the Education Building during both of our worship services.

Questions? Stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area or call the church office at (717) 533-7192. We would be happy to answer them for you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM

Adults

Carpenters' Class: Study of "What Every Christian Needs to Know About The Jewishness of Jesus" by Rabbi Evan Moffic. Jim Martin (Rm. 402)

Discoverers' Class: Study of "The Wired Word." Greg Howe (Rm. 406)

Elective Class: Study of "The Names of God" by Ann Spangler. Dave Shissler (Rm. 100)

Seekers' Class: Study of "Our Love for God." Richard Hiler (Room 200)

Young Adults

"Wired Word"

Youth (Grades 6 - 12)

Sr. Highs are studying "Live a Year with Jesus."

Middle Schoolers are studying a LIVE curriculum on Biblical foundations and living a Jesus-centered life.

Children

Nursery (Birth to 18 months) & Toddlers (18 months through 3 yrs.)

Pre-K to 5th Grade

SERMONS

May 12
Intro to Exile

May 19
Not Bowing to Empire

May 26
Daniel

June 2
Children's Day
11 AM Combined Worship Service

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Mt. Rock Church (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 13

7:00 p.m. F&S (Rm. 100)

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Hometown Restaurant, Palmyra)

7:00 p.m. Communications (Library)

Wednesday, May 15 - June Creek Connection Deadline

10:00 a.m. Quilting (Rm. 402), Balance Class (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Mt. Rock Church Women's Study (Youth Room)

6:30 p.m. Praise Band (Chapel)

6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal Night (Sanctuary)

Thursday, May 16

12:00 p.m. Sr. Fellowship to Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre

Sunday, May 19 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Mt. Rock Church (Sanctuary)

SPRING CREEK STAFF

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Serving—Together for
Christ*

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Sunday, May 12, 2019



Join us in the Sanctuary at 8:30 A.M.

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana* Mascagni

*Call to Worship

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

as the day rises to meet the sun.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

***Hymn** *Move In Our Midst* Blue Hymnal #418

Ministry of Music *Give Me Jesus* Traditional Spiritual arr. Hogan
Richard Hiler, Tenor

A Time of Prayer

A Time of Offering

Call to Giving

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Carter
Richard Hiler, Flugelhorn

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** *Make Me a Captive, Lord* Blue Hymnal #539
verses 1, 3 & 4

Scripture Daniel 1:3-17
Children may come forward following the Scripture reading.

Message for Young Disciples Karen Alwine
Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed for Kid's Zone.

Message *Intro to Exile* Pastor Adam

***Hymn** *Christian, Let Your Burning Light* Blue Hymnal #402

***Words of Sending and Benediction**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters of the good news. For what I received I pass on to you as of first importance:

**That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
That he was buried,
That he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For he has put everything under his feet.

***Time of Meditation** *Come Home* Thompson

***Postlude** *The Solid Rock* Bradbury

*Stand in body or spirit.



Join us in the Chapel at 11:00 A.M.

*O Praise Him
Cornerstone
Unstoppable God
O Praise The Name (Anástasis) - Offering
Build Your Kingdom Here*

Lessons from the Exiles: Intro to Exile
Primary Text: Daniel 1

Video: "Exiles on Main Street" with Brian Zahnd

Exile Basics:

- Nation of Israel is united from King Saul through King Solomon
- Nation splits between the Northern kingdom (Israel) and Southern kingdom (Judah)
- Israel taken into exile around 722 BC
- Judah taken into exile in waves between 597-587 BC

In Exile the Empire tries to assimilate the People of God.

- **How does the Empire try to shape us today?**

Daniel begins to push back by not defiling himself. God begins to bless the faithfulness of Daniel and his friends. Daniel ends up as a counselor to the empires of the Babylonians, Medes and Persians.

New Exile Basics:

- 312 AD Constantine becomes the first Christian emperor of Rome
- Later the Holy Roman Empire is a blend of church and state working hand-in-glove
- 1517 - Protestant Reformation begins, but the Christian Empire model remains dominant
- Moravians, Anabaptists and others question the mix of church and state and the "Empire Model"
- Enlightenment, Scopes Monkey Trial, Century of War
- Gradual recognition that Christendom is no more
- Post-modern, Post-Christian, Pluralistic society

"We need an alternative script... to activate an alternative imagination."

—Brian Zahnd

Questions to Consider

- How do we balance being "a part of the Empire, but apart from the Empire"?
- How do you remind yourself daily of the alternative script that we are a part of?

For next week: read Daniel 3

PERSONAL CONCERNS

Caring for one another, especially during times of personal celebration and need, is important for a faith community. In addition to our caring through prayer, we encourage caring through sending cards and notes, and personal contact where appropriate.

Pray for Our Residents of Nursing Centers

This Week Pray for the ministry of COBYS Family Services.

Also this Week Pray for our Sister Church, Cornerstone Christian Church of the Brethren. The Coventry CoB in is praying for us.

May deacon on call is Mary Knause; Sonya Weber-Peters is back-up.

This Week's Denominational Mission Prayer Focus

Give thanks for Global Mission workers Jason and Nicole Hoover who completed their service with the CoB in the Dominican Republic. They, and their children Ethan and Miriam, are remaining in the Dominican Republic. They now work with Solid Rock International, where Nicole is a medical coordinator and Jason is an operations support coordinator. Pray for the family during this time of transition. Pray for God's blessings of strength, energy, and wisdom as they enter the next stage of their journey.



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Kids' Zone:
Organist: Judy Hiler
Pianist: Phyllis Ingold
Worship Leader: Michelle Sheppard
Reader: Troy Peters
Sound: Bob Etter

Video: Alex Gerhart
Projection: Braetan Peters

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Kids' Zone: Gesfords
Sound: Mike Blizzard
Projection: Phyllis Karli
Praise Band