

Welcome to Spring Creek Church of the Brethren

Words of Welcome

Welcome to Pentecost Day worship! As we celebrate how the Holy Spirit called Christ's church into being, let us keep eyes and hearts open to how the Spirit is working today.



Preparation for Worship

Holy Spirit, blow through my life and burn in my heart so I may know deeply and share widely the good news of Jesus!

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

Combined Adult Sunday School
The Blue Parakeet in the Sanctuary

Young Adults
"Wired Word"

Youth: Grades 6 - 12
#hashtag Learning How to Think Like Jesus

Children
Nursery (Birth - 18 months)
Toddlers (18 months - 3 years)
Pre-K through 5th Grade

SERMONS

June 9 - Pentecost Sunday
Letter to the Exiles

June 23
Beastly Empire

June 16
For Such a Time

June 30
Jon Brenneman, Guest Preacher

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 a.m. Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m. Mt. Rock Worship Warm-up (401/403)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Chapel)
- 11:00 a.m. Mt. Rock Church (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:30 a.m. Food Bank Volunteering (Harrisburg)
- 10:00 a.m. Quilting (Rm. 402), Balance Class (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Band (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal Night (Sanctuary)

Saturday, June 15 - July Creek Connection deadline

Sunday, June 16 - Workcamp Dedication, Happy Father's Day!

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- Karen Breidenstine-Howe is on vacation June 10 - 14. Volunteers will cover the church office these mornings.

SPRING CREEK STAFF

Regular Church Office Hours:
Monday -Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Serving—Together for
Christ*

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Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019



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

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Luke Sheppard

*Responsive Reading: Reflection on Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

"Babylon"
Not simply an evil territory or a dirty word,
as we are prone to believe.
But a place where God's people were sent

Women: in exile

Men: on purpose

All: on mission

to offer their culture
to the culture there
in love.

All: For God so loved the world.

Like Israel in exile, still we hope
for our homecoming in the city of God,
where there will be no more tears.
Let us hope not

Men: in closed communion

Women: in isolated sanctuaries

All: apart from the Babylon-world.

Rather let us hope

All: in the fullness of God's love

Men: in the life of the cities and towns

(continued...)

Women: where we work

Men: and love

Women: and worship

All: and play.

And remember that God so loved not only us, but the world.
Let us hope for Babylon as we hope for ourselves.

**All: Let us embrace its people, its buildings, its streets
and fill them with the beauty of God's temple.**

Let us hope with doors wide open,
welcome the city in and pour ourselves out.

All: For God so loved the world.

*Hymn Spirit of the Living God Brown Hymnal #389

Ministry of Music Let Me Be Your Servant Pethel
Sanctuary Choir

A Time of Prayer

A Time of Offering

Call to Giving
Offertory I'd Rather Have Jesus Shea
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

*Doxology Blue Hymnal #119A
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Jeremiah 29:4-14, NRSV
Children ages 4 - 3rd grade are dismissed for Kid's Zone.

Message Letter to the Exiles Pastor Adam

*Hymn All Who Love and Serve Your City Blue Hymnal #417
verses 1, 3 & 5

***Words of Sending and Benediction**

*Time of Meditation Spirit of the Living God Iverson

*Postlude If My People Will Pray Owens

*Stand in body or spirit.



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

Burning In My Soul
Consuming Fire
God Of This City

Holy Spirit - Offering
Build Your Kingdom Here

Lessons from the Exiles: Letters to the Exiles

Primary Text: Jeremiah 29:4-14

Balance of Scripture

- Some books of the Bible focus on being a separate, holy people (Ezra, Nehemiah)
- Other books talk are inclusive of other groups of people (Laws to protect foreigners, Chronicles)

Balance of Exile

- Stories from Daniel focus on maintaining distinctive ways of living, worship and prayer
- Jeremiah encourages exiles to take up residence and positively impact their communities in exile

Jeremiah 29:4-14

- Jeremiah prophesied the yoke of exile
- Hananiah said it would be short lived
- Jeremiah (and God) disagree so settle in

Balance Today

- Discern how and when to engage culture or when to withdraw
- Discern what idols we are asked to bow to
- Discern how we can work in cooperation with neighbors to seek the good of all

In practice:

- We go about our jobs, lives and activities as followers of Jesus
- We create good culture to tell the Good News
- Join with people in their lives

Questions for Reflection:

- How has the community been changed by Spring Creek's presence in the past?
- How might we seek peace and prosperity for the community today?

For next Sunday (June 16): read Esther 4:1-17

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 the Hershey Food Bank.

Also this Week Pray for our Sister Church, Veritas Fellowship Church of the Brethren. The Cocalico CoB in is praying for us.

June deacon on call is Dave Shissler; Marsha Heisey is back-up.

SYMPATHY

Please remember the family of Lois Kautz in your prayers following her passing on June 1, at the age of 93.



This Week's Denominational Mission Prayer Focus

Give thanks for the dedicated work of *Tori Bateman*, who has served for two years in the Church of the Brethren Office of Peacebuilding & Policy. She recently completed her term with Brethren Volunteer Service and begins work as policy advocacy coordinator with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), a Quaker organization that puts faith into action by promoting lasting peace with justice. Tori will continue to represent the Office of Peacebuilding & Policy at National Junior High Conference and Annual Conference. Pray for God's blessings of strength, energy, and wisdom as Tori follows her calling to advocate for peace and human rights.



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Kids' Zone:
Organist: Judith Hiler
Pianist: Phyllis Ingold
Trumpeter: Richard Hiler
Worship Leader: Kathy Brode
Reader: Dave Shissler
Sound: Jere Copenhaver

Video: Yolanda DeShong
Projection:

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Kids' Zone:
Sound: Mike Blizzard
Projection: Dawn Early
Praise Band