

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love

11:00 A.M.

January 9, 2022

Big Little Letters... on being family

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Hour - This morning, we will take a moment of silence to prepare our hearts for worship during the chiming of the hour. After which, the light of Christ will be carried in by our Acolytes.

Prelude

Welcome and Life of the Church

*Call to Worship

One: Friends! Co-workers!

Many: **Brothers and sisters!**

Followers of Christ! Saints of the Church!

One: Welcome, one and all! Welcome home!

Many: **This is the place to be refreshed and encouraged.**

This is the place of acceptance and love.,

One: Blessings of grace and peace to you all!

All: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*Unison Prayer

God of love, we are your family, brothers and sisters all, sharing your vision and work. We give you thanks for the many ways you have loved and blessed us, encouraged and renewed us. We thank you for the times we have experienced joy, and for the knowledge that you love and accepts us. We bring our joy and gratitude to you today as we sing our thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

Singing

What is this place?

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Children's Story

Special Video

Let us love

Scripture Reading

Philemon 1-21

Sermon

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Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ, giver of love and peace, we are grateful for your vision of humankind – a vision that embraces all, leaving none behind. You call us your brothers and sisters, even when we do not recognize this truth. Forgive us when we look down on others, failing to see them as our sisters and brothers. Forgive us when kinship is not a priority in our lives. Open our hearts to everyone in your family, that they may become our family too. In your name, brother of us all, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The blessings of grace and peace are ours,

Through God our maker,

And Jesus Christ our savior.

Peace and forgiveness are ours.

Singing

Let us build a house

(Insert)

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

*Singing

For we are strangers no more

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*Benediction - Please remain standing while the Acolytes carry out the Light of Christ. As a symbol of our commitment to follow Christ, we will follow the Light of Christ out of the building into the world.

*Postlude

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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(* denotes the people standing as they are able)

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