

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love
10:45 A.M. Online Worship **March 7, 2021**
The Third Sunday in Lent

Congregation at Prayer

Hymn: **“God Sent His Son”**

#345

Sending

Postlude

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsively):

- One: In the familiar John 3:16 passage, the author writes, **“For God so loved. . .”**
- All: *We come to this time of worship out of our need to receive love.*
- One: John goes on, **“For God so loved the world.”**
- All: *To love the whole world is pretty inclusive. We are grateful for the assurance that God’s love is not limited or restricted, but for all persons.*
- One: **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,”**
- All: *At the heart of our Christian faith is the belief that God’s love was so great that he willingly sacrificed the life of his only Son on the cross.*
- One: The writer goes on in the seventeenth verse, **“God did not send the Son into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved.”**
- All: *We celebrate God’s love which does not strike out in rage, but embraces us with love defined as sacrificial giving.*

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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Interim Pastor – JD Glick
Worship Leader – Beverly Armbruster
Music Director - David MacMillan
Organist/Pianist - Gaylon Hevener
Quartet — Bob Armbruster, Bruce Bowman,
David MacMillan, Alan Shull

Invocation

Hymn: **“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”** **#151**

Scripture Reading **John 3:14-17**

*“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not die,
but have eternal life.”*

Message **“Long Walk Is Part of Gift”**

Special Music

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Don Markle, Libby Tussing (Waynesboro Manor), Stanley and Brenda Shackleford, Melba Cline, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Judy Zdinak, Dick Bartenslager, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Allen Sandridge Sr. (The Legacy), Jay and Rosalie McLearn (Shenandoah), AJ Sandridge, Daniel Melton, Delton Botkin (Delmer's brother with heart stints), Emily Edwards' friend Dennis in Nicaragua, Linda Propst, Sue Whisman, Bob Armbruster, David Shearer, Wallace Clark, Cindy Spitzer, Russell and Sandy Roberts, Phyllis Lunsford, George Sullivan, Scott and Sally Shomo's dear friend Mattie Marsh, Annie Collins' brother-in-law, Bob Howell, Norma Shoemaker, Bob Weiss, Mabel Lou Weiss' brother-in-law, Paul Wampler, Nancy Ralston, Alex Adkins (Steve and Cindy Spitzer's granddaughter's husband), Charlotte Kennedy, Tony Reyes, Dan Packer, Jr. (son of Beth Packer), Sue Simmons's sister, Donna Marshall, Shirley Maust's sister, Betty Cupp, Mary K. Weaver and Kenneth Weaver (Sally Shomo's mother and brother), Sue Botkin

**Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted.
Keep praying.**