

STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
*Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,
and Serving the World with Love.*

11:00 A.M. December 1, 2024

You Are A Blessing

Gathering Music *Adore Him*
Angels We Have Heard on High

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Marianne Kim

Welcome and Life of the Church

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*One: In a weary and worn world,
how do we begin again?
Where do we start?*

All: Let us begin with the good news!
Let us begin by trusting that we are a blessing, loved by a gracious God.
Let us begin with music and singing!
Let us begin with warmth and welcome.
Let us begin with hope.

*One: Yes, let us begin with hope.
Today we light the candle of hope to
shine a light in a worn and weary world.*

All: May this be our foundation.
May this be our fresh start.
May this be our new beginning.

One: May hope flow forth from here. Amen!

***Singing** *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* HWB 172
(Verses 1-3)

Children's Story Pastor Rebecca

Choir Anthem *Come To Us O Promised One* Lloyd Larson

Poem *Joy and Celebration* Candy Smith

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 43:1-7 & Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon *You Are A Blessing*

***Singing** *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming* HWB 211

Sharing and Prayer

Offertory *Meditation on 'Of the Father's Love Begotten'*
James Southbridge

***Singing** *He Shall Reign Forevermore*
Led by the Contemporary Chorus

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe in a blessing God
who calls us Beloved.
We believe that this blessing showed up in the life of Mary,
and was also bestowed upon the hemorrhaging woman,
the poor in spirit,
the children, the crowds,
the Jews, the Gentiles,
the faithful and the doubting.
So in faith, we trust that God's blessing,
like ripples on the water,
forever reaches toward us.
And with wild hope,
we believe that because of this blessing,
we are covered in love.
We are more than enough.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying!* Dennis Eliot

**CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS PEACEFULLY,
SIMPLY, TOGETHER**

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Please Keep In Your Prayers

Pray for Delmer Botkin, Judy Cook, Carrie Finch-Smith, Nancy Gehr, Mary Huffer, Charlotte Kennedy, Ernie Landes, Phyllis Lunsford, Alice Patler, A.J. Sandridge, Jr., Mary Seay, Norma Shoemaker, Cleo Simmons, George Sullivan, Doris Wampler, Chris Washington, Bob Weiss, Sue Whisman, Fred Wilkerson, Jr., and Fred Wilkerson, Sr. Members of the Walnut Grove COB in Damascus.

Also remember in your prayers Patsy Phillips, whose brother, Bob Simmons, passed away on Tuesday, November 26. Please remember Bob's wife and family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Also, keep in your prayers Beverly Armbruster, whose sister, Debby, passed away. Please remember Debby's husband, Mike, her children and grandchildren as well.

*Please contact the church office or the Pastor if you would like to add someone to the prayer list or to remove a name.

Ministers: All God's People

Director of Music: David MacMillan

Organist: Gaylon Hevener

Contemporary Chorus Leader: Scott Duffey

Worship Leader: Lavonne Fitzgerald

Pre-Service Music: Scott Duffey

Ushers: Don Crickenberger, Larry Adams, Scott & Sally Shomo, and Wyatt Shomo

Nursery Workers: Carrie Washington, Donna Wells, and Monica Zinn

Caregiving Team Members: Bruce Bowman, Bryan and Ferral Quick, Gail Gregory, Marilyn Garber, Pat Phillips, Ernie and Debbie Landes, and John Wampler