

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

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MEDITATION

We have been Forgiven!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Tom Auker

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart;
I will tell of all Your wonders."*

Psalm 9:1

*INVOCATION

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

16. *"They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed:*

17. *all shall give as they are able, according to the blessings
of the Lord your God that he has given you."*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF BLESSING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

***OPENING** "Something Beautiful" (Brown) # 234

CHILDREN'S STORY

Tom Auker

(Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" as children come forward)

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as children return).

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Oh How I Love Jesus" (Brown) # 51

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Matthew 7:7

*"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you."*

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Crucifixion Medley" Choir

MESSAGE

"Power In Forgiveness"
Luke 23:34-38 (p. 1641)

Pastor Auker

Isaiah 53:4-6 (p. 1145)

*INVITATIONAL HYMN

(Brown) # 478

"Just As I Am"

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN

"The Healer"

(Brown) # 367

(Refrain Only)

*Please stand if able

Preparation For Worship

I am your lamb; you are my Good Shepherd.

*But you're also the Lamb sacrificed in my place, Lord Jesus.
Help me grasp this profound mystery!*

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

(Ephesians 4:13)

You can accept God’s free gift of salvation by:

- admitting you have a spiritual need
- confessing Christ as your personal savior
- praying for forgiveness

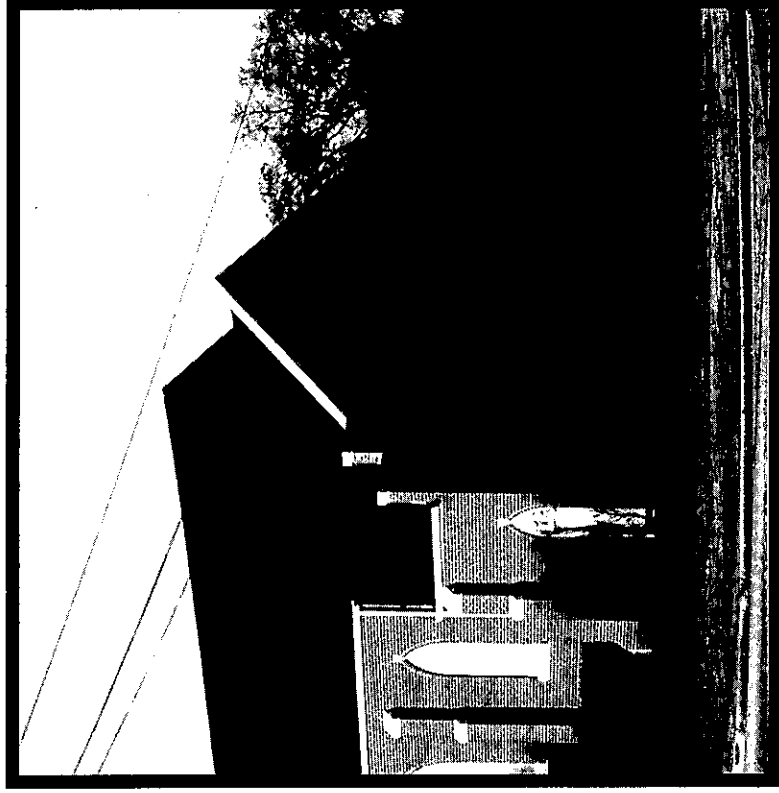
You are invited to become a disciple of Christ:

- growing in your daily walk
- maturing into a true disciple and following Christ’s example
- caring for the lost and bringing hope to a weary world
- showing the love of Christ to the church and community

*Deacons will assist the pastor with the altar call as needed.

Sermon Notes

Celebrating over 100 years of Serving Christ in the Community



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