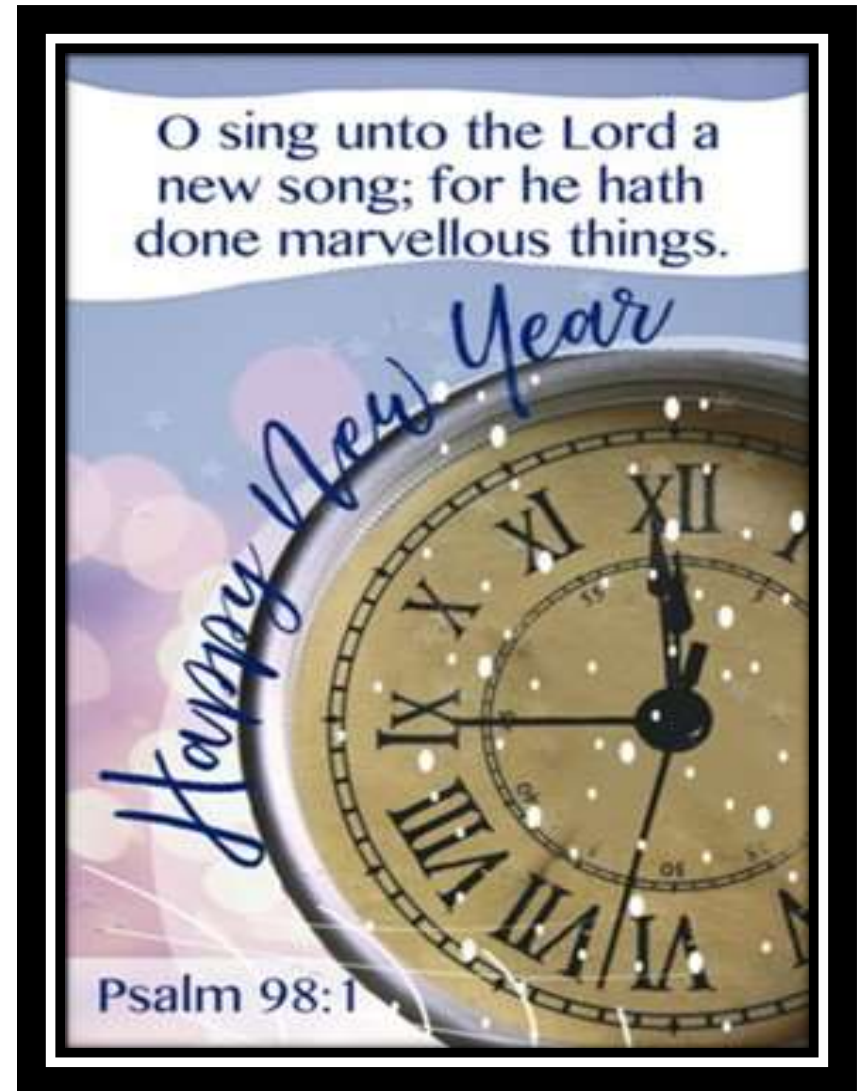


For God's Presence and Hope in the New Year

God, help us to remember that you will never leave us, that you're our Refuge and our Strength, an ever-present help in trouble. We know that the enemy wouldn't be fighting so hard against us, if we weren't making a difference for your Kingdom. He wouldn't be trying so hard to stop us, if he didn't think you had so much good still in store. Remind us that the battle belongs to you, and whatever we're up against can be taken down in one fail swoop by your Mighty Hand. Help us to trust you more, to never waste time spinning our wheels and wrestling or fighting in our strength. Please forgive us Lord for the times we've failed to lift our hands to you, for the days we've forgotten to come to you first. Fill us with the Power of your Holy Spirit this day. Fill us with your joy, fill us with your wisdom and discernment, fill us with constant reminders that Your Presence will go with us, and you will give us rest.

Reference: Crosswalk



Bush Creek Church of the Brethren

January 3, 2021

Interim Pastors:

Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo

Worship Assistant: Nancy Pastor

Greeters: Kerry Trout & Wanda Embrey



Welcome to worship on the first Sunday of a new year. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather to praise his name, hear his Word and be strengthened to share his love with others.

GATHERING MUSIC

Linda Spohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Unison

A new day! A new year! Show us the steps you would have us to take, O Lord. We pray this in your name. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

Fire of Commitment
(lyrics by Mary Katherine Morn)
Linda Spohn

From the light of days remembered
burns a beacon bright and clear

Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze,
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way,
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfilment and our future can begin.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive

People: Come, Holy Spirit,

Leader: Spirit of our Holy Lord and Savior, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit,

Be with us today and always. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jack Green

Children from **K - 5th grade** are dismissed for **Children's Church Worship** with Jan Stitley in the fellowship hall.

*HYMN Bless'd be the God of Israel vs. 1 & 3 #174

BLESSING OF GIVING *Doxology

*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.*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

1 John 2:15-22

MESSAGE

Pastor Bill Caputo

*HYMN

Renew Your Church vs. 1 & 2

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*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Pastor Bill Caputo

*POSTLUDE

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