

## ***The Choosing of the Seven***

**6** In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews<sup>[a]</sup> among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

<sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

**Bush Creek Church of the Brethren**  
**4821A Green Valley Road, Monrovia, Maryland 21770**  
**301-865-3013**                      **January 9, 2022**  
**Interim Pastors:**  
**Pastor Linda Lambert & Pastor Bill Caputo**  
**Worship Assistant: Devin Clark**  
**Greeters: Art & Diana Frank**



**Nursery is provided on the second floor for children during worship (ages infant to age 4). Top of the stairs – turn right – last room on the right. Attendant – Diana Frank.**

**GATHERING MUSIC** Elwood Hipkins

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION** Pastor Bill

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION** Linda Spohn

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Unison  
Leader: We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

**People: to be God's servants in the service of all,**  
Leader: to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

**People: to join Christ in his passion and victory.**  
Leader: "Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God."

**People: All who love are born of God and know God.  
Let us worship God!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Gary Weller

*Children are now dismissed for Children's Church Worship in the fellowship hall with Jan Stitley.*

**\*HYMN** For Christ and the Church #416

**OFFERING**

**Call to Give:** Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for us that are for our good and your glory. You said, "Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again."

Offertory Linda Spohn

\*Doxology

**Offertory Prayer:** We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

**\*HYMN** Lord, Speak to Me vs. 1, 2 & 6 #499

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 6:1-6 back of bulletin

**MESSAGE** Pastor Bill

**COMMISSIONING OF 2022 DEACONS**

**2022 Deacons:** Wanda Embrey (Chair), Jean & Elwood Hipkins  
Anna Mae Poole, Rick & Nancy Pastor, Rick & Judy Regnier,  
Jennifer Smith, Chip & Jan Stitley, Mike & Kathie Tucker  
Jim & Linda Walker, Sam Weinberg

**Congregation:** We, your sisters and brothers in this body of Christ, the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, joyfully receive you as deacons and pledge to support you, encourage you, and pray for you. We further commit to walk faithfully with you so that we may all grow together in the knowledge and the love of God, as we live out these days in community and covenant through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**\*HYMN** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4 #307

**\*PASTORAL BENEDICTION** Pastor Bill

**\*POSTLUDE** Elwood Hipkins

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