

Come and see

Fresh snow covering the ground looks beautiful, but it can make walking treacherous. One way to move more easily is to walk in someone else's footprints.

"Come and see"

In our individualistic society, we imagine that life spreads before us like unmarked snow, making it difficult, at times, to walk without stumbling. We try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. But it can be confusing to know just how actions taken during the Roman Empire apply to life in the twenty-first century.

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In today's scripture, Andrew invites Simon Peter to meet the Messiah. Our church family can help us find the path. We can learn about and remember heroes of the faith, from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose life we celebrate this week, to family and friends who have broken a path before us.

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Prayer provides another help. Through prayer, we invite God to direct us, both as individuals, and all together, one body, like we do this week during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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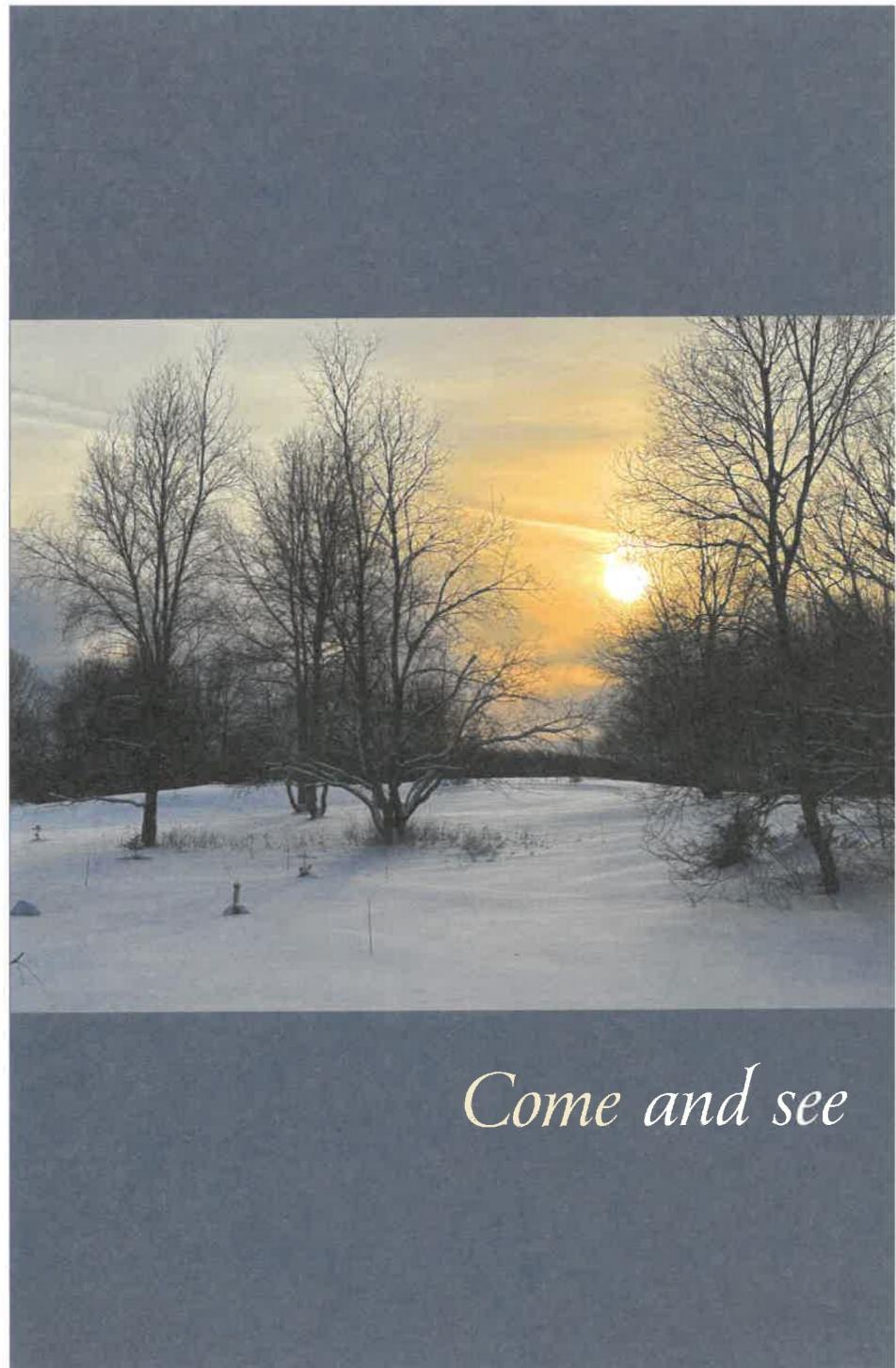
Pray to know your path. Stride boldly to make a way for others to walk with Jesus, too. Learn more about how others have followed God. And bathe every step in prayer.

"Come and see"

—Jan Fischer Bachman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"He said to them, '*Come and see*.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon" (John 1:39, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.

January 18, 2026, Martin Luther King Jr Day and Prayer for Christian Unity Week. Photo © James Deaton. Used by permission. Living Word Bulletin Series © 2025 Brethren Press. Printed in the USA.



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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

January 18, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" (Wood)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Larry Wisherd, Worship Leader

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come to follow Jesus

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: Yes, Lord we come to follow you!

***HYMN #110** "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing"

[Verse 1]

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

[Verse 2]

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music to the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

[Verse 3]

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice new life the dead receive, the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

[Verse 4]

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

[Verse 5]

Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Remembering all that we have spent for nothing and vanity, we now consider how to bring offerings worthy of God's saving grace. Nothing can compare to God's wondrous deeds and thoughts toward us. We can only respond with trust and joy and generosity.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshiping with us on YouTube Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob website.

Offertory "A Song of the Spirit" (Smith)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service, and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #517 "Open my eyes, that I may see"

[Verse 1]

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp, and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

[Verse 2]

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

[Verse 3]

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

[Verse 4]

*Open my mind, that I may read more of thy love in word and deed.
What shall I fear while yet thou dost lead? Only for light from thee I plead.*

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my mind, illumine me, Spirit divine!

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on YouTube and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING ANTHEM

“Spirit Song”

Temple Choir

(Wimber)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

NT 92

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned

and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

MESSAGE

“A Life All Aglow”

Pastor Twyla Rowe

*HYMN #402

“Christian, let your burning light”

[Verse 1]

*Christian, let your burning light shine on all with luster bright.
Let your words and deeds be pure. All for Christ you must endure.*

[Refrain]

*Christian, let your light shine all along your way.
You may guide a wanderer to eternal day.
You may save from endless night if you let your lamp burn bright.*

[Verse 2]

*As you journey here below, shed a ray where'er you go.
Find in this your pure delight, let your light shine clear and bright.*

[Refrain]

*Christian, let your light shine all along your way.
You may guide a wanderer to eternal day.
You may save from endless night if you let your lamp burn bright.*

[Verse 3]

*That your light may guide you through, brightly let it shine anew.
Keep up courage - never fail till you're safe within the veil.*

[Refrain]

*Christian, let your light shine all along your way.
You may guide a wanderer to eternal day.
You may save from endless night if you let your lamp burn bright.*

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: We have found the Messiah, God's anointed one. Let us follow where Jesus leads.

All: We want to learn from Jesus how to live. We are eager to be faithful disciples.

One: Know that we can call on Jesus anytime. In every place we go, Christ is available to us.

All: We give thanks for the grace of God in Christ. By it, our knowledge and speech have been enriched.

One: God remains steadfast and faithful. We will be strengthened for all life's journey.

All: We put our trust in God for all time and eternity. We will do light to do God's will.

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE

"Come and See!" (Arr. Denton)

(Responsive Benediction by Lavon Bayler, "Taught by Love",
Worship resources for year A.)

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*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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We welcome you to our church and Rejoice in your participation with us in worship. It is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God's Spirit and that it will equip you for service and ministry in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and Cluster Leaders are available after worship and during the week to listen and assist you in your Christian pilgrimage.

THE ANNOUNCER January 18, 2026

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

"Take A Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer for the week beginning Sunday, January 18 - Light of the World...shine on me today. Fill me with the glow of your presence so that it consumes my spirit; and draws me into a deeper faithful relationship with you. May the joy I find in my walk with you overflow for others to see. Help those who are lost in overwhelming darkness, see the light of hope that you bring breaking through their despair. I am grateful that I know this light of hope that is you. I could not imagine living a day without you by my side. Thank you, for this gift given to me with love. Amen.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

Our thanks to Larry Wisherd for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of our mothers, Vivian Aldridge and Helen Funk given by Gary & Sue Wright.

It's time to sign up for a Patron ad for in the 2026 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response auction booklet. Patron ads are for those individuals who want to support disaster relief. The annual auction is the district's largest fundraiser for this. Patron ads can be purchased for ten or more dollars. Please contact Daryl Long or Arn Platou to place your ad, but do it quickly. We have an early deadline this year and all checks and forms need to be in Elgin before **February 6th** to be included in the booklet. Checks need to be made out to HCOB.

Valentine's Bread & Soup Luncheon—The Spiritual Nurture Team invites you to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 15th directly following the late service worship. If you would like to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the west entrance and Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring a soup, bread, or dessert as well.

New Year Update—I am so thankful to everyone that participated with the Children's Birthday cards, Over 80, and Homebound list. If you do not wish to continue participating with these ministries, please contact Mary Means.

Volunteer Needed—The Flower and Altar committee is looking for a volunteer for the month of January. If you're interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay.

2026 Altar Flowers—If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory, celebration, or honor of a loved one, the Flower and Altar Committee have the following Sunday dates available in 2026: **May 3, August 30, & November 29**. If you are interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay at 301-730-8499 or email cinnamongirl@myactv.net

Our service week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 8-15. We need to cover all roles Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday that week: Search, Laundry, Servers on Thursday. All meals have been covered! God is good! Starting February 15, and through March 8, we will be collecting donations of items for REACH. Donations will be taken to REACH during our week at the shelter. Please see attached list of items needed at REACH. Any donations and all volunteers will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Sandy Clipp at 240-291-8753 if interested in serving at REACH or if you have any questions.

Cash for Causes/Martin's Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Donnie Maas (240-866-1077). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Inclement Weather Policy—If inclement weather is forecasted, be sure to:

- * Check your email—we will send out a group email as quickly as possible if the decision to cancel in-person worship is made.
- * Check our Facebook page—Hagerstown Church of the Brethren (facebook.com/hagerstowncob) we will post updates there as well.

If we do hold in-person worship, and if you are uncomfortable driving in bad weather, please join us on YouTube Live. Be safe first and check your email!

We're in the season for high heating costs. We remind everyone to please keep doors closed to the sanctuary, fellowship hall, church entrances, hallways, and church office. All classroom doors (2nd and 3rd floor) should stay open. Thank you for your awareness and cooperation.

Church mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to use the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or taken off the list, please contact Mary Means. If you have a mailbox, we ask that you be willing to monitor it. Any mail that is left in the mailboxes after a three-month period will be disposed of. The mailboxes are located in the hallway of the church office.

Because winter weather is here, we'd like to pass along a gentle reminder to drive slowly in our parking lot, especially when it's snow-covered or icy. Always be on alert for children, pedestrians, dogs, cats, and those less mindful than you are of the pavement surface conditions.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com.** Thank you!

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

Our services are streaming through YouTube! If you have not done so already, subscribe to HCOB's YouTube Channel and share it with others. You can do so by going to: www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, January 19

Church office closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 20

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 203

Wednesday, January 21

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, January 22

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 23

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, January 24

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, January 25

Junior Church
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

You may mail your offering to
15 S. Mulberry Street,
Hagerstown MD 21740
OR
you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
Breeze www.hagerstowncob.org

The church calendar is online at
www.hagerstowncob.org.
Click the calendar tab.

Mid-Atlantic District Church of the Brethren

2026 Disaster Response Auction

The 45th Annual Disaster Response Auction will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Maryland.



In 2025, a record high of \$96,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help survivors recover from many disasters all around our world.

During 2025 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts:

- California Wildfires
- Israel-Hamas War response in Gaza and West Bank
- Tennessee - Hurricane Helene Response – Rebuilding
- Hurricane Melissa Response in Cuba
- Summer 2022 Flooding Response in Kentucky
- Venezuela Flooding Response
- Deportation Defense Response
- Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Rwanda Churches
- South Sudan Church of the Brethren Mission
- Ecuador Humanitarian Relief
- Nigeria Crisis Response
- Child Life Disaster Relief
- Ukraine Response
- ...and much more!

Thank you for your support of our Disaster Response Program!

On the back of this page are many ways you can help make the Auction a success.

Put May 2nd on your calendar!

Come to the auction and invite your friends ...together we can make a difference to many people near or far recovering from disasters.



You can support Disaster Response in various ways:

- Prayer
- Donate as a Patron, Supporter or Sustainer for as little as \$10 and get your name printed with your church in the Auction booklet.
- Purchase church, business, or personal ad space in the Auction booklet Full page (\$160 black/\$200 color), Half Page (\$85 black/\$105 color), Third Page (\$60 black/\$75 color) and Eighth Page (\$25 black/\$35 color). Check with HCOB's auction team members Daryl Long or Arn Platou to order your ad. Thanks!!
- Make quilts, comforters and wall hangings or other handcrafts to sell.
- Donate special items such as high quality woodwork, paintings and artwork. Antiques, furniture, used cars or trucks, and collectibles also are a valuable donation.
- Encourage your church group or children's Sunday School class to collect items to make special gift baskets, school bags full of new books, etc. to auction off. Get creative!
- Contribute a gift certificate from your business for the auction.
- Donate quality auction items (value of \$10 or more) such as craft items, food, baked goods, flower and vegetable plants, trees and shrubs for booth sales.
- Groups and individuals can sponsor special events such as plays, dinners, and musical presentations to raise and provide monetary gifts to the auction.
- Volunteer to help at the Auction.

– Decide now how you can help!

If you have special items of high value to donate, tell HCOB's auction team members Daryl Long or Arn Platou as soon as possible before the Feb. 6 deadline, so they can email a photo and a description to our auction book designer!!

2026 Reach's Cold Weather Shelter Needs List

Personal Care

- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Tampons

Cleaning Supplies

- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Laundry Pods

Food & Drink

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Coffee, Regular or Decaf
- ◆ Non-dairy Creamer
- ◆ Paper Plates of any size

Thank you for your support!