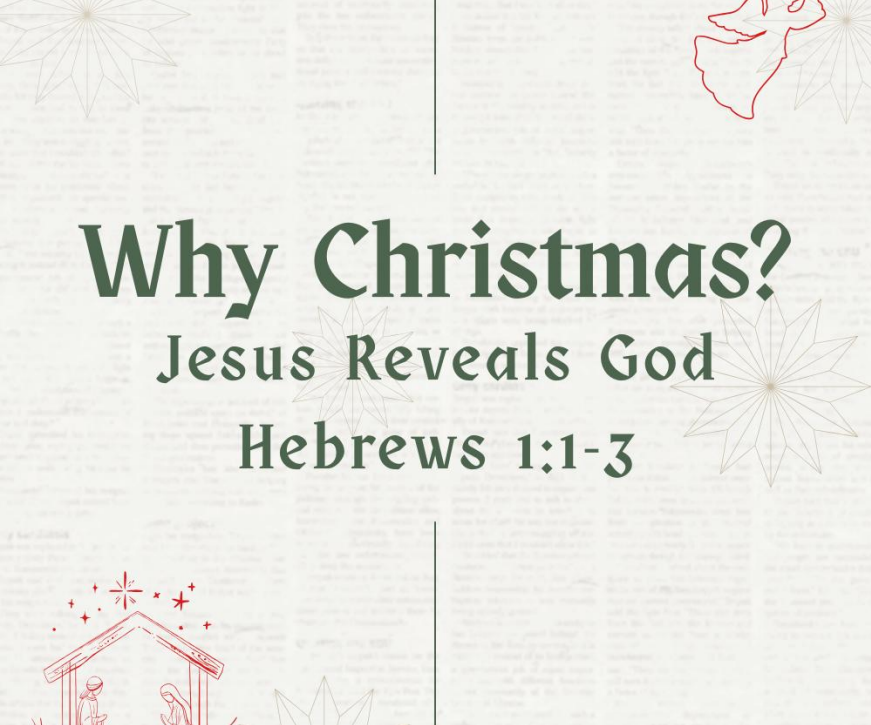


# Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren

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## Why Christmas? Jesus Reveals God Hebrews 1:1-3



**Kevin Richardson**  
Senior Pastor

**Janae McMichael**  
Director of Family Ministries

**November 30, 2025**

## 8:15 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

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WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

ORGAN & FLUTE PRELUDE

Smith

*"The Holy Child"*

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The story begins with hope for a child –

**P: A child, born of woman, like us;**

L: A child who will lead us,

**P: A child who will inspire us.**

L: A child who will be our living hope.

**P: On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the coming child, Jesus.**

**ALL: Let us worship God, our God of hope.**

\*HYMN

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

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PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*"Jesus Reveals God"*

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\*HYMN

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

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PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer

Offertory

*"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"*

Smith

\*CLOSING HYMN

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*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

\*CLOSING PRAYER

\*POSTLUDE

*"Praise"*

Otis

\*Please stand in body or in spirit\*

## Serving Our Congregation Today

Messenger: Rachel Johnson  
Worship Leader: Kevin Richardson  
Advent Readers: 8:15 Phil & Sheri Johnson  
Children's Story: 10:30 Kay Swarr  
Special Music: 8:15 Adult Choir  
Organist: 8:15 Lori Holzhauer  
Flute: 8:15 Rhonda Heidinger  
Pianist: 8:15 Hannah Kreider  
Sound Tech: 8:15 Rhonda Heidinger  
10:30 Joshua Auker  
Stream Tech: 8:15 Ed Heidinger II  
10:30 Lane Dillow  
Welcomers: 8:15 Judy Hendrickson & Doris Snyder  
9:30 Hans & Tina Herr  
10:30 Rick & Amy Graver  
Greeters: 8:15 Bette Lou Epler & Sharon Kreider  
10:30 Dave & Pat DeLong  
Ushers: 8:15 Paul & Charlotte Trimble, Don Trimble  
Glenn or Lucille Wenger  
10:30 Dave & Diane Herr  
Josh & Heather Kreider



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## 10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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### \*WORSHIP, WELCOME & OFFERING

*"A Christmas Monologue"*

*"Light of the World"*

*"God With Us"*

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

Announcements

*Please pass the Friendship Pad*

Morning Prayer

### KID'S SERMON

**\*\*Lil' Roots in all grades are dismissed to Grow Groups\*\***

### MESSAGE

*"Jesus Reveals God"*

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### \*CLOSING SONG

*"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies  
with th'angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord  
late in time behold him come offspring of the virgin's womb  
Veil'd in flesh the Godhead see hail th'incarnate deity  
pleas'd with us in flesh to dwell Jesus our Immanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace Hail the Sun of righteousness  
Light and life to all he brings ris'n with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by born that we no more may die  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

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### \*CLOSING PRAYER

Acolytes: Amber & Kinsey Grumbling, Rilee Hershberger

Praise Team: Cameryn Deibler, Ellie Dillow, Phil Hershey, Jake Holzhauer,  
Lori Holzhauer, Hannah & Kennedy Kreider, Caitlyn Mauer,  
Kinsey Rhodes, Jeremy Stoltzfus, Katherine Tshudy

\*Please stand in body or in spirit\*

### **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

**Women's Ministry Pine Trail** is this Thursday, December 4. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the Gathering Area **TODAY**.

### **MESSAGES FOR THE BODY**

If you would like to support Christ's Home this Christmas, you can access their Amazon Wish List through their website. You will find the link to the list by simply clicking "Donate" under the heading of "How to Help".

### **COMING EVENTS**

Join us for an engaging study of Matthew 1 and 2 with Pastor Bob Russell during Advent. This video series will help us understand the Christmas Story from Matthew's Gospel. Sessions will focus on the genealogy of Jesus, the angel's appearance to Joseph, and the visit of the Magi. We will meet at 6:30 in room 14 on December 3 and 10.

**Attention Grace Marriage participants!** Our November and December Grace Marriage Date Nights are combining, to one evening on December 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

## **OH CHRISTMAS TREE**



The decorating committee is requesting families bring in a signed or personalized Christmas greeting card to help decorate the tree in the Gathering Area on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please attach cards directly to the branches using the provided clothespins.



# FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

See what's been going on and what's ahead in Roots Family Ministry!

**THIS WEEK'S FAMILY THEME:**  
**EVERY GENERATION SUNDAY!**

**THIS WEEK'S ROOT TEXT:** **REVELATION 4:11 NIRV**

**DISCIPLE EVERY GENERATION:**

**WRITE OUT YOUR HOUSEHOLDS PRAYER FOR THIS ADVENT SEASON.  
HOW ARE YOU PREPARING YOUR HEART TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S HOPE,  
JOY, LOVE AND PEACE THIS SEASON?**

## LIL' ROOTS



2YO-5TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights - The Trinity

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Family-In-Service Night: Caroling

### Grow Groups

- \*\*K-5: Today (11/30)! Special Guest: Camp Swatara
- K-1: December 14th
- 2-3: December 21st

## YOUTH ROOTS



6TH-12TH

### Wednesday Roots Nights - Kingdom Character (guys) + More Than Pearls (girls)

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Family-In-Service Night: Caroling

### Youth & Youth Parent Meeting

- Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm, Youth Wing
- All Sr. High & Jr. High Parents should attend!
- Discussing Winter Retreats, Summer Activities & Fundraisers

## OAKS



OLDER ADULTS

### OAKS Christmas Luncheon

- Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm, Gathering Area
  - A soup and salad lunch will be catered by Women's Ministry. The meal is \$10/person.
  - Two Christmas Service Projects will be completed during this event. See the sign-up sheet to help supply materials.

In 2026, we are embarking on a 30-week journey called Believe!  
We want believers of all ages to be able to answer three driving questions...

- What do I believe? • What should I do? • Who am I becoming?

Join in one or more of the below options as we learn together  
how to **think, act and be like Jesus**.

Sunday Morning Sermons  
Sunday School Electives for Adults

Roots Kids Sunday School  
Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



# Sermon *Notes*

**TODAY IS:**

**SERMON TITLE:**

Notes:

Key verses:

Worship Songs:

Prayers:



## OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

**Our Nursery is available** and staffed with caring adults for children ages 0-4 during the service.

Announcements for the bulletin are due **by 12 Noon on Wednesdays**. They may be e-mailed to [church@mgcb.org](mailto:church@mgcb.org). *Announcements may be edited for length.*

**Items for projection and sound on Sunday's are needed by 12 Noon Wednesday.** This will ensure enough time for copyright analysis if needed.

**To place flowers** in the church on Sunday for anniversaries, birthdays, or other celebrations, please contact the church office.

**All building use requests/event scheduling** should be done through the church office between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm, or email [church@mgcb.org](mailto:church@mgcb.org).

Looking for **Youth Roots events**? Text your first and last name and "youth events" to 844.564.6146.

**To receive e-communications** contact the church office. If for some reason, you are **currently subscribed and not receiving them**, contact Ed at [edh@mgcb.org](mailto:edh@mgcb.org).

**Solanco Food Bank Needs:** cans of tomato/chicken noodle/seafood chowder soups, Pop Tarts, cans of pineapple, SPAM and other canned meats, peanut butter, microwave popcorn, applesauce (jars), fruit cups, baby wipes, diapers (size 3-6), Pull-Up (all sizes). Items may be placed in the Mealbarrow in the Gathering Area.

***Reverse Advent Calendar for Solanco Food Bank** is available for those that would like to participate. Drop-off times are listed on the bottom.*

## Activities for the Week of November 30, 2025

Mon: 6:00 am Renovare Bible Study – ZOOM  
 Tues: 9:15 am D-Group – rm 209  
       10:00 am Painting Group – kitchen  
       10:45 am LIFT - rm 304  
       6:00 pm Pickleball – FLC  
 Wed: 1:45 pm Bible Adventure  
       5:15 pm Junior Chimes – rm 203  
       5:45 pm Roots Meal - FLC  
       6:30 pm Community AA Meeting – rm 207  
       6:30 pm Praise Team - Sanctuary  
       7:30 pm Adult Choir – rm 14  
       7:30 pm Youth Parent Meeting – Youth Wing  
 Thurs: 9:00 am Sisters in Christ Bible Study – rm 14  
       5:30 pm Women’s Ministry Pine Trail  
 Fri: 12:00 pm Kitchen Reserved  
 Sat: 7:00 am Men’s Bible Study – rm 14

### Next Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:15 am Traditional Worship

*“Why Christmas?”* Sermon Series

*“Jesus Redefines Love”*

Scripture: I John 4:9-10

Kevin Richardson

9:30 am Sunday School for ALL ages - Sanctuary

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

### November 23, 2025 – Financial Report

General Offering	\$20,730.00	In Person Attendance	184
Building Maintenance Fund	\$75.00	Sunday School	133
Strategic Vision	\$0.00	Online Attendees	23
<b>Strategic Vision Fund (Balance Due): \$39,000.00</b>			

## OUR MISSION

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Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren exists to be a united people fully following Jesus' teaching through knowing, living, and sharing Christ's love.

## OUR VISION

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Since 1897, Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren has been serving the Lord Jesus Christ through the faithful proclamation of the Gospel, engaging worship, community service, and growing fully devoted followers of Christ. By living out our Brethren heritage and New Testament beliefs, we seek to reach the lost, serve the least, and transform the community for the glory of God.

## CORE VALUES



Unconditional Love



Evangelism & Missions



Christ-Centered Worship



Every Generation Ministry



Community Engagement & Service



Intentional Spiritual Growth



Faithful Stewardship & Radical Generosity



Brethren Distinctives & Practice



Scan the QR code for more information on our Core Values.

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