

TODAY	THIS WEEK @ BPC	
	8:30 AM	Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 PM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Christmas Cantata
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<p><b>Christmas Cantata:</b> Tonight at 6:00....this will be followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy the beautiful Christmas music from our choir and bring your favorite holiday finger food to share at the reception.</p> <p><b>Hallway Duty:</b> We need people to assist our deacons in security during the 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.</p> <p><b>Christmas Party:</b> Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm at the home of John and Ashley Belknap, 102 Crestview Drive, Brandon. Bring an appetizer and/or side dish to share....and a gift to exchange.</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> New adult Fall/Winter quarter classes.....In the kitchen class Scotty Dickey will lead a video on the history of the ancient church. Also, Walt Herrington will lead a study on the Book of Job in the choir rehearsal class.</p> <p><b>New Church Staff:</b> We are pleased to announce that Cathy Costello will begin this week as our church secretary. Also, Nate &amp; Susan Inman will begin as Directors of Children’s Ministries in the New Year. Please thank the Lord for his answering our prayers and join in welcoming them.</p>		
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY		
<p><b>Sunday School:</b> Classes for 3 yrs - 5th grade meet each Sunday at 9:45 am.</p> <p><b>Sunday night</b> activities for kids begin again January 6.</p>		
SERVING THIS SUNDAY		
<b>Bell Ringer:</b> Joe Ouzts		<b>Next Week:</b> Clara Matthews
<b>Nursery:</b> Cecile Whitten		<b>Next Week:</b> Davida Curtis
<b>December:</b>		<b>January:</b>
CHILDREN’S CHURCH		
<b>December:</b>		<b>January:</b>
YOUTH MINISTRY		
<p><b>Sunday School:</b> Jr &amp; Sr High classes meet upstairs at 9:45 am every Sunday.</p> <p><b>Youth Fellowship:</b> Will begin again in January. Stay tuned!</p>		

Sermon Notes  
Luke 1:5-25

I. God Answers Prayers Amazingly

II. God Cares Tremendously

III. God Acts Transformingly

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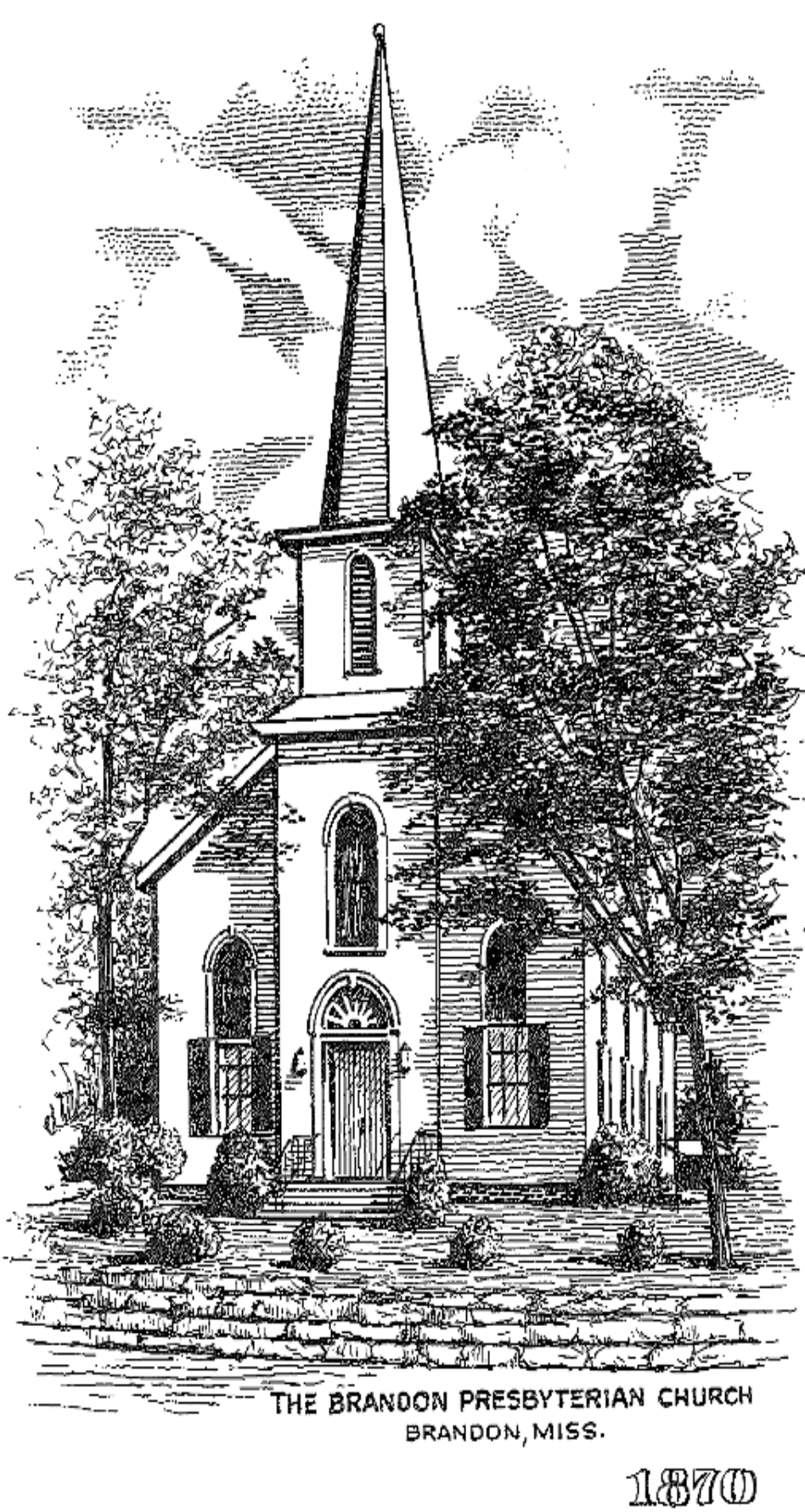
Elders: TE John Dawson, RE Scotty Dickey, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jim Neill, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten  
Deacons: Chris Groebe, Nate Inman, Eric Napier, Andrew Rush, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Darrin Tolar  
Officers Emeritus:  
Elders: Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †  
Deacons: John McInnis †, Ken Bramlett, Edsel Parks, Richard Harrison.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

Women’s Ministry Director: Rebekah Dawson  
Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, Dotsy Peel  
Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford  
Morrison Shepherding Group: Carol Morrison, Rebecca Thompson  
Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill  
Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour  
Whitten Shepherding Group: Molly Napier

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

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“The Church’s One Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord...”

# Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 9, 2018

*During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.*

## Meditation

Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!

Prelude “MAKE HIGH THE DOOR, MAKE WIDE THE GATE” HESSE  
ORGANIST, JACQUELYN THORNELL

## Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship \* 1 TIMOTHY 3:16

LEADER: GREAT INDEED, WE CONFESS, IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS:  
**PEOPLE: HE WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH,**  
LEADER: VINDICATED BY THE SPIRIT,  
**PEOPLE: SEEN BY ANGELS,**  
LEADER: PROCLAIMED AMONG THE NATIONS,  
**PEOPLE: BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD,**  
**ALL: TAKEN UP IN GLORY.**

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 208  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

## Invocation \*

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 216  
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

## Responsive Reading

LEADER: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH HAVE SEEN THE SALVATION OF OUR GOD, ALLELUIA!  
**PEOPLE: SHOUT TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. ALLELUIA!**  
LEADER: O CHRIST, SPLENDOR OF GOD’S ETERNAL GLORY, THE MIGHTY WORD, SUSTAINING THE UNIVERSE: RENEW OUR LIVES BY YOUR PRESENCE.  
**PEOPLE: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**  
LEADER: O CHRIST, BORN INTO THE WORLD IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME FOR THE LIBERATION OF ALL CREATION: RELEASE ALL INTO YOUR PROMISED FREEDOM.  
**PEOPLE: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**  
LEADER: O CHRIST, BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL TIME, BORN IN A STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: MAY YOUR CHURCH BE A SIGN OF HOPE AND JOY.  
**PEOPLE: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**  
LEADER: O CHRIST, TRULY GOD AND TRULY HUMAN, BORN TO A PEOPLE IN FULFILLMENT OF THEIR EXPECTATIONS: FULFILL OUR DESIRES IN YOU.

**PEOPLE: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**  
LEADER: O CHRIST, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, CHILD OF WONDER AND SPLENDOR, MIGHTY GOD OF ALL AGES, PRINCE OF PEACE: MAY THE WHOLE WORLD LIVE IN PEACE AND JUSTICE.  
**PEOPLE: LORD, HAVE MERCY.**  
LEADER: ALL-POWERFUL AND UNSEEN GOD, THE COMING OF YOUR LIGHT INTO OUR WORLD HAS BRIGHTENED WEARY HEARTS WITH PEACE.  
**PEOPLE: TEACH US TO PROCLAIM THE BIRTH OF YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**

## Pastoral Prayer

## God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory Zachary  
“From Heaven to Earth I Come”

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.*

Anthem \*\* Adult Choir

Dismiss Children For Children’s Church (3 & 4 year olds) \*\*

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 723  
LUKE 1:5-25

Sermon Dr. John Dawson  
“Prepare Him Room”

Hymn of Response \* No. 195  
“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

## Benediction \*

## Postlude \*

\*Congregation Standing      \*\* 11:00 Service Only

To Our Visitors

**We are pleased to have you worship with us.**  
Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:

*“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”* Romans 10:13

**Please fill out a visitor’s card** and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Dawson at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Dawson know if you have any questions.

## IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Steve and Diane Hill (Peru)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Bethany Christian Services
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson and Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Griffin, Graham & William Belknap
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

- **Gary & Jenny Wood**, friends of Andrew/Gray Ouzts from GA, baby, Georgia Anne, born with congenital heart defect--Pray that baby will grow in strength for next surgery in December.
- **Cathy & Joe Costello:** Baby girl, Sarah Cathryn. Pray for nutrition and for Cathy.
- **Evelyn Culpepper:** doing good and been in good spirits, Brandon Court - Room 211
- **Bear & Emily Sills**, friends of Kerri/Brian Matthews, infant son Hank passed away at birth.
- **Linda Harrison**, suffered a stroke and lost vision in left eye, recovering.

## Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Dr. Shenouda:** prostate cancer, will have hormone and radiation treatment.
- **Will Glover**, son of Marsha & Bill Glover: beginning another round of chemo.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, last scan good.
- **Kelly Langford**, daughter of Jacquelyn Thornell, last scan was clear....continuing oral chemo.
- **Robin Marbury Morris**, Jeanne Monsour’s niece: (Liver cancer) Chemo continues; hoping to go to Emory soon.
- **Andrew McCall**, son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia; at Blair Batson recovering from bone marrow transplant.
- **Terry McGinty**, Kerri Matthews’ uncle, has prostate cancer that has metastasized to the bone.

- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Joan Allen, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/10 am/6pm): November 25	51/74/62
Sunday School:	96
Last Week’s Offering:	\$ 10,133.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 6,648.00
Year to Date Giving:	\$ 333,715.00 (+21,259)
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:	\$ 312,456.00