

THIS WEEK @ BPC	
TODAY	8:30 AM Worship Service
	9:45 AM Sunday School
	11:00 AM Worship Service
	6:00 PM Evening Worship
TUESDAY	5:00 PM Candlelight Service
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.	
Flower Calendar: The flower calendar for 2020 has been posted on the bulletin board.	
byFaith Magazine: Pick-up the newest edition of byFaith Magazine and learn how to defend Scripture biblically, and by doing so bring honor to “the good name” of Jesus Christ.	
Communion: We will have the Lord’s Supper on January 5 th .	
Hallway Duty: We need people to assist our deacons in security during the 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services. Sign-up on the bulletin board.	
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY	
Sunday School: Classes for 3 years - 6 th grade meet each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Sunday Night: The children's Sunday evening program will resume January 5 th . Plan to join us as we learn about true wisdom.	
SERVING THIS SUNDAY	
Bell Ringer: Graham Belknap	Next Week: Griffin Belknap
Nursery: Amy Kaiser/Joni Vance	Next Week:
December: All Coordinators	January: Tiffany Glover
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	
December: John and Ashley Belknap January: Susan Inman	
YOUTH MINISTRY	
Sunday School: Jr and Sr High classes meet upstairs at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday.	
Youth Fellowship: Youth group meets Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.	

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES	
Worship Services (8:30 am/10 am/6 pm): Dec 15	43/78/34
Sunday School:	92
Last Week’s Offering:	\$ 11,680.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,172.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 377,177.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$ 358,600.00 (+\$18,577)

Sermon Notes	
“Confidence for Christmas”	
1 John 5:20	
I. Historical	
II. Heart	
III. Holy Spirit	
IV. Hope	
V. Whole	

STAFF	
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OFFICERS	
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: Carole 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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And behold,
you will conceive
in your womb
and bear a son, and
you shall call his
name

Jesus.

He will be great and
will be called the

Son of the

Most High.

Luke 1:31-32a

Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 22, 2019

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

Meditation 1 JOHN 1:1-2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched— this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (NIV)

Prelude “Make High the Door, Make Wide the Gate” Hesse
ORGANIST, JACQUELYN THORNELL

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * ISAIAH 53:1-3

Leader: Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

People: **For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground;**

Leader: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

People: **He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;**

Leader: and as one from whom men hide their faces

People: **he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 225

“Once in Royal David’s City”

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Footnotes: “descended into hell” = descended into the place of the dead, not of eternal punishment.
“catholic church”= the church exists universally, not just in one culture or denomination.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory RITTER

“Still, Still, Still”

Offertory Response

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Special Music JACKIE THOMPSON

“Lord of All”

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 864

1 JOHN 5:20

Sermon DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Confidence For Christmas”

Hymn of Response * N^o. 199

“See, amid the Winter’s Snow”

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:** Michael and Mary Lott (SE Asia)
- Ministry of the Week:** Reformed Theological Seminary
- Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill and Nate Inman
- Child(ren) of the Week:** Sarah Costello
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

Weddings and Babies:

- Courtney Hancock-Stevens:** expecting a baby boy, Jan 20th.
- Heidi Rogers,** Julie Rogers’ Daughter: expecting a baby boy Feb 2nd.

- Gloria Tolar,** Darrin Tolar’s Mother: recovering from stroke, not doing well.
- Bob Booth:** neurological disease in left arm and hand, undergoing PT
- Sam Watkins** (Sharon Nicholson’s brother): in hospice in Tampa, FL.
- Linda Harrison:** recovering from mini-stroke.
- Ken Bramlett:** constant pain, please pray for relief.
- Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis, losing weight, pray for a healthy appetite and weight gain.
- Bill Glover:** Parkinson’s, continuing physical therapy, doctors are adjusting his meds, has not fainted recently but battles exhaustion daily.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- Will Glover,** Marsha & Bill Glover’s Son: latest MRI is clear
- Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, last scan good...having endoscopy for stomach
- Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover’s brother): recovering from recent surgery to remove cancerous part of his liver and colon, facing a heavy round of chemo.
- Gib Vredeveld,** Julie Rogers’ Father: esophageal cancer, the tumor has shrunk a little, feeling well most days, won’t need anymore radiation unless the tumor starts growing again and causes problems, next oncology appointment is in Feb.
- Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Phillip Sealy, Ocean Springs (stage 4 melanoma); Richard Owens, Westminster Presbyterian, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Presbyterian (kidney cancer).
- Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back, undergoing chemo.
- Andrew Gerrard,** Jo Stanford’s Nephew: Desmoplastic round cell tumor; praise for some shrinkage of tumor, able to do some exercise, increased appetite and strength, and resolution of insurance issues. Pray for chemo to continue shrinking tumor.
- Leah Herbert,** Ainslie Curtis’ teacher: stage 4 cervical cancer, single Mom of a 6th grader, currently receiving chemo and radiation treatments.
- Kelly Langford,** Jacquelyn Thornell’s Daughter: good report from MD Anderson, new treatment to begin in January.
- Dr. Shenouda:** prostate cancer, 99% free of cancer and it is dormant.
- Billie Stigler,** friend of Jeanne Monsour: praising God for a good report and for every day being better.
- Ken Pinkerton:** prostate cancer, good report from July checkup.
- Robin Marbury Morris,** Jeanne Monsour’s Niece: liver & colon cancer, doctors were pleased with her scan, so she will have chemo every 3 wks.
- Andrew McCall,** Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.
- 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, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts