

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, October 25, 2020

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

### Meditation

JOHN NEUHAUS

"Christians have not the right to despair, for despair is a sin. And ... we have not reason to despair, quite simply because Christ has risen."

### Prelude

"Spirit of God"

ARR. MARK HAYES

Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

REVELATION 4:4-11

Leader: Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

People: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!"

Leader: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

People: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created."

### Hymn of Praise \*

Nº 100

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

Nº 37

"All That I Am I Owe to Thee"

1 All that I am I owe to thee, thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me. I give my Maker thankful praise, whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

2 Ere into being I was brought, thine eye did see, and in thy thought my life in all its perfect plan was ordered ere my days began.

3 Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold, more precious unto me than gold! I muse on their infinity, awaking I am still with thee.

4 The wicked thou wilt surely slay; from me let sinners turn away.  
They speak against the name divine; I count God's enemies as mine.  
5 Search me, O God, my heart discern; try me, my inmost thought to  
learn; and lead me, if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way.

### The Nicene Creed \*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of  
his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of  
very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our  
salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy  
Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also  
for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third  
day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall  
come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose  
kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the  
Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we  
acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for  
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.*

*"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

### Special Music

PIANO SOLO / MARSHA GLOVER

"My Tribute" arranged by Fred Bock

### Reading of Holy Scripture

PSALM 97 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
- <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice  
are the foundation of his throne.
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all  
the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.
- <sup>7</sup> All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!
- <sup>8</sup> Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of  
your judgments, Lord.
- <sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far  
above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his  
faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
- <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

### Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"Don't Hit the Political Panic Button"

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 441

"Jesus Shall Reign"

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane  
no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his  
head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning  
sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest  
song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his  
chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
- 5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

## Offertory Prayer

### Gloria Patri \*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen, amen.*

### Benediction

\* Congregation Standing

### Sermon Notes

Psalm 97

“Don’t Hit the Political Panic Button”

I. Who Rules

II. Where He Rules

III. How He Rules

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School and Nursery resume next Sunday:** Sunday School will be at 9:00 AM and worship at 10:00 AM. Nursery will be available during both Sunday School and Worship.

#### Adult Sunday School

November: Meet in the Sanctuary.

Nov. 1 (Reformation Sunday): John Dawson will be teaching “John Calvin on Prayer”.

Beginning Nov. 8: The adults will be studying the Bible’s Wisdom literature using a book by O. Palmer Robertson entitled, *The Christ of Wisdom: A Redemptive-Historical Exploration of the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament*. This class will be team taught by S. Dickey, J. Neill, W. Herrington, D. Tolar, A. Dupree, and J. Dawson.

#### Youth

The Youth will meet in the upstairs Sunday School rooms during the Sunday School hour starting in November.

#### First - Sixth Grade

November: Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

December: Split up by age groups. More details will be provided soon.

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00):	October 18	62
Live Views		14
Total Online Views		22
Children’s Sunday School		12
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 5,591.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 264,935.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$ 302,148.00 (-\$37,213)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jeanne Monsour  
in loving memory of Neil Edward Monsour, Jeanne’s son.

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#### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Carl & Becky Chaplin (Chattanooga, TN)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Reformed Theological Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey and Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ryan Groebe
- **College Student of the Week:** Brittany Wade
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

#### *Weddings and Babies:*

- **Terry and Jackson Pullen:** baby Rad was born Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 7lbs, 3ozs, 19in.
- **Katlyn and Joel Huddleston:** baby Atlas Wyatt was born Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 7lbs, 6ozs.
- **John Stowers and Anna Kate Carter:** to be married on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

- **Cheryl Marbury** (Jeanne Monsour's sister-in-law): receiving a series of shots for severe back pain; praying that these will help.
- **Ken Bramlett:** heart valve replaced on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>; doing well; Thank you to everyone for your prayers!
- **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, may have Shy-Drager syndrome as well; wide swings in blood pressure of late and other problems which stem from Parkinson's; discouraged that he is not making more progress; had to cut back on medication for Parkinson's due to adverse reactions.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; returned to Ochsner's Clinic Sept 18<sup>th</sup> for a follow-up with her specialist; has been on extremely high doses of steroids, which have kept her feeling bad; improved enough to decrease her steroid dosage; She is very grateful for every improvement!
- **Bob Booth:** trip to Mayo Clinic revealed that he has ALS.
- **Buford Nicholson:** fell off ladder, has 3 broken ribs, in a lot of pain.
- **Jerry Moore:** having additional tests and treatment for the pain.
- **Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis.

#### *Loved ones battling cancer:*

- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT); results of the latest scan after a round of aggressive chemo showed no change; will have another round of a previous chemo which showed some good results on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>; plans are

underway for him to return to Sloan Kettering (SLK) for further treatment.

- **Kelly Langford** (Jacquelyn Thornell's Daughter): melanoma has spread beyond treatment; having difficulty with her vision; still at the hospital at MD Anderson and is unable to have visitors.
- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; had a consultation with the Palliative Care director at UAB, started a regimen of meds and therapies; avastin infusions are to continue, hopefully at UMMC; waiting for appointment with eye specialist in this area; continues to stay with Marsha and Bill due to extreme fatigue, nausea and vomiting and help for day to day tasks.
- **Gib Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; tumor is growing again; still able to eat with little difficulty; sees the oncologist in January; most days he's doing well.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer.
- **Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back; back at work; continuing chemo.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; reached 2 year anniversary of bone marrow transplant.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; June 25<sup>th</sup> scan was clear; Praise God!
- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer; doing well.
- **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer; continuing chemo biweekly.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Pres (kidney cancer).
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer.

- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (S. Korea; Sam Heath's nephew); Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; Elton & Sonia Jay's grandson); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Ken Bramlett, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts