

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, November 22, 2020

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

### Meditation

TRINITY HYMNAL PG. 604

Rejoice ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

### Prelude

"Psalm 19"

BENEDETTO

Organist, Jacquelyn Thornell

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

PSALM 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times.

**People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Leader: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

**People: Let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

**People: And let us exalt his name together!**

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 363

"We Gather Together"

**1** We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing:  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

**2** Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!

**3** We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation:  
Thy name be ever prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

### Invocation \*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Georgia Lynn Williams

### Confession of Sin

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves and separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

### Pastoral Prayer

### Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO

"Give Thanks" Arr. Mark Hayes

### Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

## Reading of Holy Scripture

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"When to Give Thanks"

## Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 32

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**1** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

### Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

## 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



## Missionary of the Month November

Joe and Laurel Barnes

Joe and Laurel are missionaries serving through Ripe for Harvest in Puno, Peru. They have been stateside since February when COVID-19 hit and unexpectedly kept them in Mississippi. They are church planting in the cities of Puno and Juliaca, and work with other existing churches in the surrounding areas. Their desire is to see healthy churches in these two cities with Peruvian leadership. Joe and Laurel, along with their two children Joseph (4 yrs) and Ann (2 yrs) are returning to Peru on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Ways to Specifically Pray for the Barnes Family:

- Pray for their children as they transition back to Peru. Pray for friendships, language acquisition, and possible isolation due to restrictions.
- Pray for Joe and Laurel as they navigate parenting and helping the kids through change. Pray they would humbly serve one another in the home.
- Pray for grace to endure sickness as adjusting back to different climate and Peruvian foods can cause issues.
- Pray for wisdom for their team in upcoming hard decisions on relocating.
- Prayer for their individual walks with Christ to be strengthened.

## Sermon Notes

I Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:4-7  
"When to Give Thanks"

### I. The Regardless Requirements

A. Regardless of What's Going On Around You

B. Regardless of What's Going on Inside You

C. Regardless of What the Clock Says

### II. The Radical Reason

### III. The Aim of Worship (v. 5)

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Nov 15	68
Live Views	18
Total Online Views	38
Sunday School	59
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 992.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 295,201.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$ 330,924.00 (-\$35,723)

## Announcements

**Christmas for French Camp:** We are adopting two cottages at French Camp. These two cottages are in need of several things. Our plan is to take up MONEY and give it to the cottage parents so that they can buy what they think the kids need most. **Please give a donation in the church office by Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** You can make a check payable to BPC and put French Camp Christmas in the memo line. Please contact Pastor John at [jdawson@brandonpres.com](mailto:jdawson@brandonpres.com) with any questions.

**Women's Christmas Virtual Gathering:** "The Gift of Christmas", Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 PM. We will meet via Zoom. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office at 601-825-5259.

**Children's Christmas Party:** Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-4:00 PM, *Come and Go* at the Inman's Home (108 Rollingwood Drive). We will be outside making ornaments, writing notes to members of the congregation, and playing.

**Christmas Cantata:** Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, virtual Christmas program - "Carols at Christmas"

## Sunday School

**Adults:** Meet in the Sanctuary for the month of November to study 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*.

**Youth:** Meet in the upstairs Sunday School rooms.

**First - Sixth Grade:** Meet in the Fellowship Hall in November. In December we will split up by age groups. More details will be provided soon.

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The flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Kelly Thornell Langford,  
and appreciation for the loving support of Brandon Presbyterian Church  
by Jacquelyn Thornell.

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Joel and Laurel Barnes (Peru)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Lifeline Children's Services
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill and Nate Inman
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Ann Caroline, Beckett, and Cade Moffett
- **College Student of the Week:** Troy Stokes
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): has a huge blood clot in her right arm; taking Eliquis to help dissolve it; still has quite a bit of swelling and pain in her arm; pain isn't as bad as it was.
- **Julie Rogers:** will have surgery on her left shoulder Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>; asking for prayers that all goes well with the surgery and for a speedy recovery.
- **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain strength and for his new medications to be effective.
- **Sandra Mahaffey:** Sandra's mother, Virginia Arnold, passed away on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Debbie Ford** (Beeg Ford's daughter-in-law): at home; possibly has Afib, more tests being run, will meet with heart specialist on Wednesday.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; continues to improve; doctors have been able to further reduce her steroids and other medications; she is feeling much better.
- **Taylor** (Ken & Nancy Bramlett's grandson): in the hospital with COVID.
- **Steve Pilgrim** (Charlie Moak's son-in-law): COVID-19; much improved but still weak.
- **Ken Bramlett:** having difficulty with pain in his legs, has not gotten out of bed much lately.
- **Kelly Langford** (Jacquelyn Thornell's daughter): passed away on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>; please pray for her husband David, son Jack, Jacquelyn and family.
- **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, may have Shy-Drager syndrome as well; found some relief in higher doses of Parkinson's meds; blood pressure issues seemed to have resolved with meds; On the whole, he is doing better.
- **Brandi Brock:** will have gastric sleeve surgery in Ocean Springs on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>; hopes she can lose enough weight to be eligible for a kidney transplant; attended here before moving to Gautier; she misses us.
- **Cheryl Marbury** (Jeanne Monsour's sister-in-law): receiving a series of shots for severe back pain; praying that these will help.
- **Bob Booth:** trip to Mayo Clinic revealed that he has ALS.

### *Loved ones battling cancer:*

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; next scan will be on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>; please pray for another stable scan; It has been 3 years since his surgery and we care so grateful for God's goodness to us!
  - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic small round cell tumor (DSRCT); approved for clinical trial at MSK and 6 week treatment began on Nov 9th; Praise the Lord! Please pray for shrinkage of the tumors and successful management of the concerning fluid build up.
  - **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): cancer has reappeared on the brain stem; continuing to receive in-home therapy; avastin infusions every 3 weeks at UMMC; next MRI is 12/10 followed by a Dr. appointment; continues to battle nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and muscle pain; received new glasses after UAB Dr. appointment and hopes they will help improve his vision.
  - **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.
  - **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.
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- **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)
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- **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



# *A Change in Plans*

## *"The Gift of Christmas"*

Dear Ladies of Brandon Presbyterian Church,

With the up-tick in Covid-19 cases, we regret that our Christmas Gathering has to be "re-worked" in order to provide a safe way of gathering. After much consideration, we will NOT be hosting the Gathering IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

**HOWEVER, we DO have some GOOD NEWS!**

**Here are our revised plans.**

We will still meet, but on ZOOM! On December 1, you will receive an email with the link to ZOOM and instructions to link up on your computer or phone and a program to print out. At 6:15 p.m. our guest speaker, Jennifer Merchant, will be speaking on John 3:16 "The Gift of Christmas." We will sing carols (with our own Marsha Glover as pianist) and have many beautiful door prizes! This will be lots of fun! We will receive a special blessing from listening to Jennifer speak from God's Word, singing praises to our King and fellowshiping together.

**PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE TO MAKE A RESERVATION OR**

**SIGN UP IN THE HALLWAY.**

We want you to know how much we miss each of you, and our desire is to be able to gather once again and visit soon. Please, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to serving you in any way we can during this difficult time and always.

Please, join us to celebrate "The Gift of Christmas"!

We can't wait to see you on December 1 at 6:15 via ZOOM!

Sincerely,

The BPC Women's Ministry Team

