

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, November 28, 2021

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

### Meditation

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found!

### Prelude

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

“The Bell Carol” arr. Fred Bock

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

PSALM 95:1-6

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**People: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**People: Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

Leader: For he is our God,

**People: And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 194

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law In cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 205

“Away in a Manger” (William Kirkpatrick)

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray: bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Responsive Reading

PSALM 110

Leader: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

**People: The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.**

Leader: Your troops will be willing on your day of battle.

**People: Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.**

Leader: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind. "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

**People: The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.**

Leader: He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

**People: He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.**

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Carol Tornquist

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.*

Special Music

JERRY WATSON, BARITONE

"For, Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth"  
and "The People that Walked in Darkness"  
from "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

TITUS 2:11-13

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup>It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Sermon

REV. WILEY LOWRY

"Waiting After Christmas"

Hymn of Response\*

N<sup>o</sup>196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**1** Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art, dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

**2** Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear; come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth: "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

**3** Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end; by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

**4** Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

Titus 2:11-13

“Waiting After Christmas”

1. Grace

2. Glory

3. Godliness

## Announcements

**Welcome:** We welcome Reverend Wiley Lowry to our Worship Service this morning. He is an Assistant Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies at Belhaven University. Wiley and his wife, Molly, are both from Jackson and have three children, ages 17, 15, and 9.

**Ladies’ Christmas Gathering:** Our Annual Ladies’ Christmas Gathering will be this Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**Our Daily Bread:** Pick up your copy of the Dec.-Feb. issue in the breezeway.

**Sunday Night:** Children and Parent Sunday evening activities will resume January 9, 2022. More details to come.

**Children’s Christmas Party:** The children’s Christmas Party will be December 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Inman’s home (108 Rollingwood Drive). If you have questions, please see Nate or Susan.

**Christmas Gifts:** Looking for Christmas gifts? We have some of our church cookbooks available in the church office. \$10.00 apiece.

**BELL RINGERS: Today:** William Belknap **Nest Week:** Antley Grace Eastland

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Nov 21	100
Live Views	9
Total Online Views	18
Sunday School	61
Last Week’s Offering:	\$4,239.00
Online Giving:	\$797.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$387,641.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$322,242.00 (+65,399.00)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rev. Bill Goodman
- **Ministry of the Month:** Lifeline Children's Services
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill, Nate Inman
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sophie and Emma Warren
- **College Student of the Week:** Troy Stokes
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Peggy Jordan:** had back surgery; is now at Wisteria for rehab.
- **Jim Neill:** had shoulder surgery. At this time it's not clear how much range of motion Dr. Jim will be able to regain; please pray that he gets as much back as he can. Pray for Melinda as she cares for him.
- **Jimmy Carman:** does not have an aneurysm; still having trouble with double-vision and has started a new medication that hopefully will help.
- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): is getting 4 -6 weeks of radiation treatment at MD Anderson. He has gained some weight and is getting stronger but his vision has not improved
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now living with her mother. She gets a daily visit from a home health nurse since she still requires a lot of help.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

*The Women's Ministry Team of Brandon Presbyterian Church*

*cordially invites you to the*

*Annual Ladies' Christmas Gathering*



*Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 pm.*

*Join us for fellowship, a light supper and our worship program,*

*IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US*

*We will be taking an offering to support Rev. Harris Bond in planting the Ouachita Presbyterian Church in the Monroe, LA area. You may sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or call the church at 601-825-5259.*

### *Loved ones battling cancer:*

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim' next scan was December 14; please pray for another stable scan.
  - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); Two praises! His fluid retention has decreased by 50%! His latest scan showed no new lesions, the bulk of the disease covering his bowels is slightly less, and overall everything is stable! However this regimen of chemo has caused extreme fatigue, nausea, and a complete loss of appetite. He has also received multiple blood and platelet transfusions after each round of treatment. He started the same chemo regimen on Nov. 4th, with a slight decrease in dosage to see if that helps make it more tolerable. Please pray that this round will be much different in that regard. And that it will continue to produce positive results. Also please pray for success of fund raising and for federal funding for a research lab at MDA that is very close to starting a clinical trial specifically for DSRCT (desmoplastic small round cell tumor). The family is so thankful for all your prayers.
  - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking. He will begin 4 to 6 weeks of radiation treatments at MD Anderson soon.
  - **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care.
  - **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
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- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); 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, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts