

Brandon Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 12, 2021

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

Meditation

"MY SONG FOREVER SHALL RECORD"

"Behold God's truth and grace displayed, for he has faithful covenant made, and he had sworn that David's son shall ever sit upon his throne." - Trinity Hymnal N° 99

Prelude

JOEL OUZTS

"O Christmas Tree"

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

ISAIAH 9:2-3

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

People: On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it

Leader: With justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

People: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn of Praise *

N° 214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N° 216

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;

oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.

Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2 Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:

Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

Responsive Reading

LUKE 1:26-38

Leader: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said,

People: "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

Leader: But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her,

People: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Leader: "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.

People: And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Leader: And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her,

People: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God.

Leader: And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

People: And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord ; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child" 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

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

"O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Kaiserin Rebecca
Ainslie Curtis, clarinet

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 1:67-79

⁶⁷ His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸ "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷ to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹ to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"Zechariah's Song"

Hymn of Response*

N^o203

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"
2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of
Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his
wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
[Refrain]

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Luke 1:67-79

“Zechariah’s Song”

I. For Making Good On His Promised Salvation

II. By Banking On His Future Salvation

*Over this year we have seen God
at work to gather our initial Core Group
for a new Gospel Community!*

*Let's pray together for God's
"greater works" (John 14:12) to continue.
And this happens, in part, through
your praying and stewardship.
From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.*

*We pray that you have a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

Harris, Laura Beth, Thomas, Sam and Jane Paschal Bond

Announcements

Christmas Program: Our Christmas Program will be this evening at 6:00 PM and will be live-streamed only. The program is called “Christmas Blessings” and features some of our choir families singing familiar carols together. You can live stream it at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGmzy521B7L2DpJAATtzGHA> .

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Candlelight service on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

byFaith Magazines : New byFaith magazines are ready for pickup in the breezeway.

Adult Sunday School: Walt Herrington is leading a study on sanctification December thru February. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

Ladies Bible Study: “Bible Study will not meet this month. We will pick back up in January.

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


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

Flowers: The flower calendar for 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Avery Thompson **Next Week:** Daisy Inman

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Dec 5	111
Live Views	11
Total Online Views	25
Sunday School	67
Last Week’s Offering:	\$5,934.00
Online Giving:	\$745.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$397,455.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$336,564.00 (+60,891.00)


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

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Carl and Becky Chaplin
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Georgia Williams
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**





- **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): will be having exploratory surgery on December 21st. She lives near Dallas, TX. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): has had a stroke and is in ICU at St. Dominics. Please pray for Stephanie and the family.
- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): completed radiation treatment at MD Anderson. Treatment was effective but will need heart surgery in the near future.
- **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.
- **Cindy Vredeveld** (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.

2021 Giving: Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2021 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

French Camp Offering:

*Thank you to everyone who donated to the French Camp project.
We raised \$5,990.00.*

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim' next scan is 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.
 - **Gib Vredeveld** (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 27th.
 - **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
 - **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