

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, January 30, 2022

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

### Meditation

PHILLIP DODDRIDGE

"Grace first contrived a way to save rebellious man, and all the steps that grace display which drew the wondrous plan."

### Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"Softly and Tenderly" - Thompson/Hayes

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

PSALM 103

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Leader: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**People: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**People: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 53

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!"

**1** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

**2** Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

**3** Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee! Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; ponder anew what the Almighty will do, If with his love he befriend thee.

**4** Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

**5** Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 166

"Wondrous King, All-Glorious"

(Marsha Glover, piano)

**1** Wondrous King, all glorious sov'reign Lord victorious, oh, receive our praise with favor! From thee welled God's kindness tho' we in our blindness strayed from thee, our blessed Savior. Strengthen thou, help us now; let our tongues be singing, thee our praises bringing.

**2** Heavens, spread the story of our Maker's glory, all the pomp of earth obscuring. Sun, thy rays be sending, thy bright beams expending, light to all the earth assuring. Moon and star, praise afar him who glorious made you; the vast heavens aid you.

**3** O my soul, rejoicing, sing, thy praises voicing, sing, with hymns of faith adore him! All who here have being, shout, your voices, freeing, bow down in the dust before him. He is God Sabaoth; praise alone the Savior, here and there forever.

**4** Hallelujahs render to the Lord most tender, ye who know and love the Savior. Hallelujahs sing ye, ye redeemed, oh, bring ye hearts that yield him glad behavior. Blest are ye endlessly; sinless there forever, ye shall laud him ever.

Confession of Sin adapted from Grace Fellowship Church, Ontario

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the person against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**Church: When we hide our sins, our souls shrivel up. We internally groan all day long. You will lay your hand of discipline on us, and our strength will dry up if we do not turn.**

Leader: Dear church, acknowledge your sin to God, and do not cover up your iniquity!

**Church: We will confess our transgressions to the LORD, and he will forgive the iniquity of our sin.**

Leader: Let everyone who is godly offer prayer to God at a time when he may be found.

**Church: You are our hiding place, O Lord. You preserve us from trouble; you surround us with shouts of deliverance. Forgive us of all of our sins.**

Leader: The Lord does forgive you and tells you, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Instead, listen to me."

**Church: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

Leader: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the person against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 28:6-7

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

"Something for Thee" - Lowry/Birchwood

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.*

Special Music AINSLIE CURTIS, CLARINET/MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO  
"Higher Ground"

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I onward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."  
(Chorus) Lord, lift me up and let me stand, by faith, on heaven's tale land;  
a higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

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

Reading of Holy Scripture 2 KINGS 3

Joram son of Ahab became king of Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned twelve years. <sup>2</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father and mother had done. He got rid of the sacred stone of Baal that his father had made. <sup>3</sup> Nevertheless he clung to the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit; he did not turn away from them. <sup>4</sup> Now Mesha king of Moab raised sheep, and he had to pay the king of Israel a tribute of a hundred thousand lambs and the wool of a hundred thousand rams. <sup>5</sup> But after Ahab died, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. <sup>6</sup> So at that time King Joram set out from Samaria and mobilized all Israel. <sup>7</sup> He also sent this message to Jehoshaphat king of Judah: "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" "I will go with you," he replied. "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." <sup>8</sup> "By what route shall we attack?" he asked. "Through the Desert of Edom," he answered. <sup>9</sup> So the king of Israel set out with the king of Judah and the king of Edom. After a roundabout march of seven days, the army had no more water for themselves or for the animals with them. <sup>10</sup> "What!" exclaimed the king of Israel. "Has the LORD called us three kings together only to deliver us into the hands of Moab?" <sup>11</sup> But Jehoshaphat asked, "Is there no prophet of the LORD here,

through whom we may inquire of the LORD?" An officer of the king of Israel answered, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He used to pour water on the hands of Elijah." <sup>12</sup> Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. <sup>13</sup> Elisha said to the king of Israel, "Why do you want to involve me? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother." "No," the king of Israel answered, "because it was the LORD who called us three kings together to deliver us into the hands of Moab." <sup>14</sup> Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. <sup>15</sup> But now bring me a harpist." While the harpist was playing, the hand of the LORD came on Elisha <sup>16</sup> and he said, "This is what the LORD says: I will fill this valley with pools of water. <sup>17</sup> For this is what the LORD says: You will see neither wind nor rain, yet this valley will be filled with water, and you, your cattle and your other animals will drink. <sup>18</sup> This is an easy thing in the eyes of the LORD; he will also deliver Moab into your hands. <sup>19</sup> You will overthrow every fortified city and every major town. You will cut down every good tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every good field with stones." <sup>20</sup> The next morning, about the time for offering the sacrifice, there it was— water flowing from the direction of Edom! And the land was filled with water. <sup>21</sup> Now all the Moabites had heard that the kings had come to fight against them; so every man, young and old, who could bear arms was called up and stationed on the border. <sup>22</sup> When they got up early in the morning, the sun was shining on the water. To the Moabites across the way, the water looked red—like blood. <sup>23</sup> "That's blood!" they said. "Those kings must have fought and slaughtered each other. Now to the plunder, Moab!" <sup>24</sup> But when the Moabites came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and fought them until they fled. And the Israelites invaded the land and slaughtered the Moabites. <sup>25</sup> They destroyed the towns, and each man threw a stone on every good field until it was covered. They stopped up all the springs and cut down every good tree. Only Kir Hareseth was left with its stones in place, but men armed with slings surrounded it and attacked it. <sup>26</sup> When the king of Moab saw that the battle had gone against him, he took with him seven hundred swordsmen to break through to the king of Edom, but they failed. <sup>27</sup> Then he took his firstborn son, who was to succeed him as king, and offered him as a sacrifice on the city wall. The fury against Israel was great; they withdrew and returned to their own land.

Sermon

"Surprising Grace"

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup> 481

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

**1** O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

**Refrain:**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

**2** Through death into life everlasting he passed, and we follow him there; over us sin no more hath dominion— for more than conqu'rors we are! [Refrain]

**3** His Word shall not fail you—he promised; believe him and all will be well: then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell!  
[Refrain]

Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

Joachim Neander (1650-1680) was born in Germany and was at first a rebellious and stubborn young man. Known to be bright, Joachim fell into wicked practices with friends who did not follow God's ways. When a famous preacher came to town, Joachim and his friends went to hear the preacher with mischief in their hearts. Instead, Joachim was touched by the message. He asked God's forgiveness and became a believer and follower of Jesus.

Joachim loved to take nature walks and one of his favorite walking spots was later named for him—Neander Valley. Bones were found in cave in this area that scientists later called the Neanderthal Man. The year that Joachim died he wrote "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty." Joachim was the first hymn writer from the Calvinist branch of Protestantism.

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## Sermon Notes

2 Kings 3

"Surprising Grace"

I. The Vicarious Grace of the Lord

II. The Superabundant Grace of the Lord

III. The Comparative Grace of the Lord

## Announcements

**Ames Lee:** We are starting a fund to help the Lee family as little Ames battles leukemia. If you'd like to contribute, you can earmark your donation to the "Ames Lee Fund," e.g., by writing it in the memo line of a check payable to Brandon Presbyterian Church. All gifts will be tax deductible.

**Women's Project Ministry Group:** Don't forget the Women's Project Ministry Group, formerly Ladies Sewing Ministry Group, will meet this Tuesday, February 1, at 9:30 a.m. We are responding to a request for help from the AFCA, American Foundation for Children with Aids, in their outreach to Africa.

**MSMR:** Mid-South Men's Rally will be held on Friday, February 4, at FPC, Jackson from 5:15-9:00 PM. Guest speaker will be Dr. Derek Thomas.

**Adult Choir:** The Adult Choir meets at 4:30-5:20 in the sanctuary on Sunday Evenings.

**Sunday Night:** The adults and children will meet Sunday evenings thru March 6 from 5:30 - 6:50 PM to learn about Studying the Bible. The adults will meet with the Belknaps and read *Help Your Kids Learn & Love the Bible* by Danika Cooley, the 4th - 6th grade will study the book of Jonah and the 3 year olds - 3rd will be focusing on the continuity of the Old and New Testaments. Nursery and dinner provided. Please see Nate or Susan Inman if you have questions.

**Flowers:** The flower calendar for 2022 has been posted on the downstairs bulletin board. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Feel free to call the church office to sign up.

**2022 Offering Envelopes:** 2022 Offering Envelopes may be picked up in the breezeway.

**BELL RINGERS: Today:** Keaton Hoge    **Next Week:** Lara May Inman

*Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and texts. I appreciate my church family so much and want you to know that I could feel your love and encouragement. I am missing my Dad but rejoice to know I will see him again.*

*Thank you!  
Cecile*

### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Rodney and Jana Davila
- **Ministry of the Month:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Oliver and Elliot Dawson
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): heart surgery was successful. A recent MRI showed significant growth of brain tumor; neurosurgeon has recommended doing another resection surgery and additional radiation treatments.
- **Dr. Reynolds Young**, (Cecile Whitten's Dad): passed into glory January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please remember Cecile and family in your prayers.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): is receiving treatment for leukemia at Blair Batson hospital. Please keep Ames and his family in your prayers.
- **James Callicutt** (Ranita's son): recovering from recent liver transplant; continue prayers.
- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke; at Wisteria; continue prayers.
- **Bill Glover:** Doctors have been unable to pinpoint the origin of his ongoing pain.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): is dealing with heart problems. Please keep Brady and his family in your prayers.
- **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): had surgery on December 21<sup>st</sup>; everything went well and she is recovering.
- **Cindy Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now back at home with my brother and doing well. Thank you all for the prayers for her healing.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): has regained only some of her ability to smell from having covid a year ago; she can smell strong odors only. Her blood clots are under control as long as she stays on her Eliquis.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

### *Loved ones battling cancer:*

- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): his latest scan at MDA showed that his cancer remains stable. Praise to God! Since he is at the end of the line with standard DSRCT protocols, he is going to have to move to more experimental drugs. There is a trial available that he is eligible for... not specifically for DSRCT, but it does target the NTRK gene fusion. His cancer translocation signals the NTRK and the drug on trial blocks the NTRK. His doctor say that this drug has the potential to help him. Insurance approval should come in the next 2 weeks, so he should be able to start the trial soon after. The plan is for him to participate in the trial in Nashville. Please pray for all logistics to work out smoothly if it is God's will for Andrew to participate in this trial.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim's December 14 scan was stable. We want to thank our BPC family for all the prayer support. We are so thankful for these blessings.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; had chemo at St. Jude. He is doing well and is back at French Camp.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jan 18, 2021.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
- **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)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts



### **ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Worship Service (10:00):	Jan 23	65
Live Views		11
Total Online Views		70
Sunday School		57
Last Week's Offering:		\$5,719.00
Online Giving:		\$125.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$30,334.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$30,600.00 (-\$266.00)