

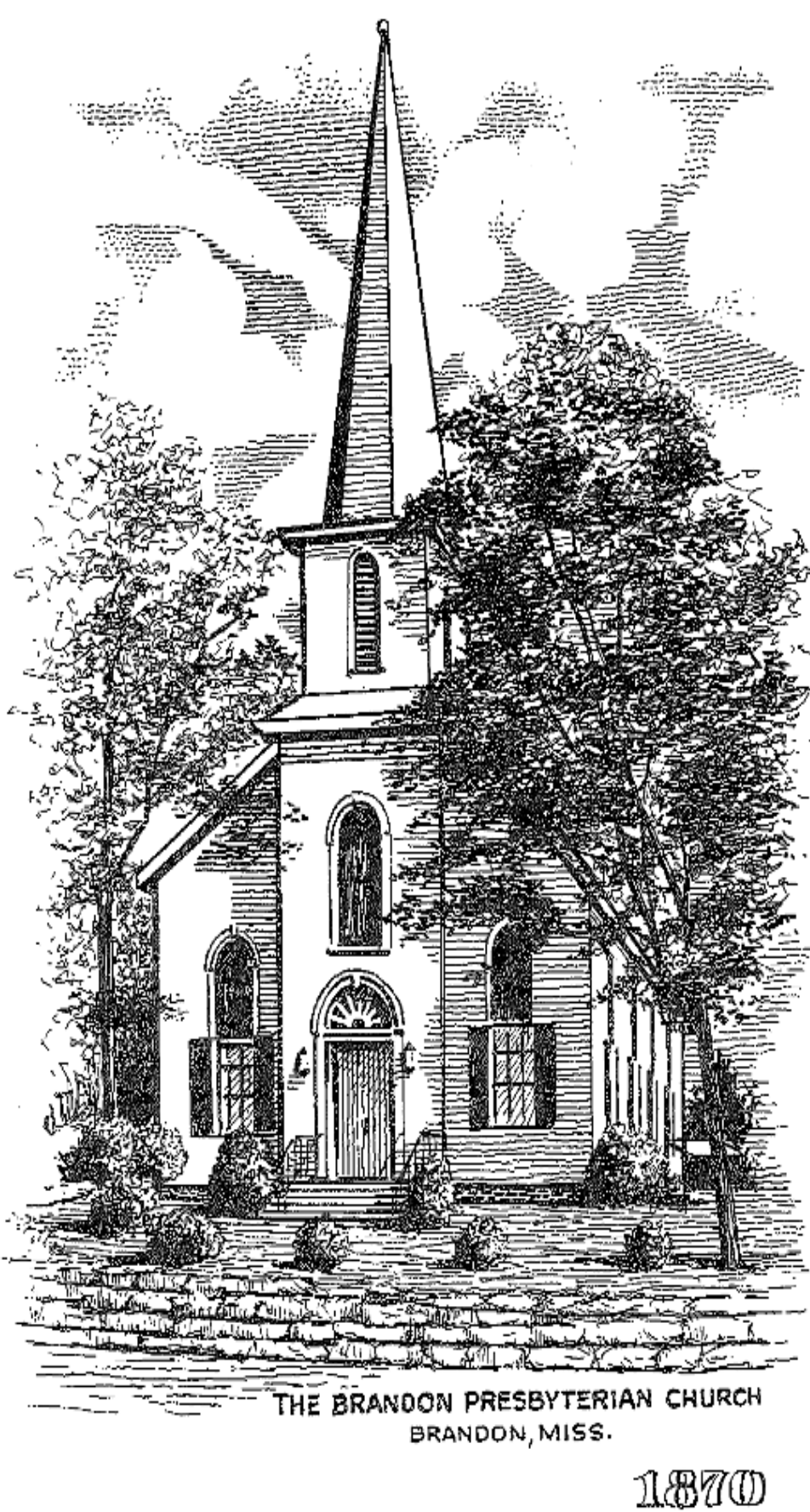
THIS WEEK @ BPC		
TODAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:55 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Adult Choir
	6:00 PM	Christmas Cantata
TUESDAY	6:00 AM	Men’s Morning Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	Youth Christmas Party
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<p><b>Adult Sunday School Class:</b> Ray Shores is teaching from <i>Saints and Scoundrels</i>. In this series we will cover the major friends and foes of the doctrine of the trinity and the two natures of Christ. You will learn the history and refutation of false views about God.</p> <p><b>Christmas Cantata:</b> Please join us tonight at 6:00 PM for our Christmas Cantata.</p> <p><b>Christmas Cantata Reception:</b> Following the Cantata there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking the members of the congregation to provide a sweet or savory “finger food” for the occasion. Please, bring your plated food (ready to be served) to the Fellowship Hall before the Cantata and someone will be there to receive it. The reception is honoring our BPC Choir Director, Marsha Glover, our Organist/ Pianist, Josh Peoples, and the BPC Choir Members. We would like them to know how much we appreciate their contribution to our Worship Service.</p> <p><b>Youth Christmas Party:</b> is this Wednesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at the church from 5:30 -8:00 PM.</p> <p><b>Christmas Caroling:</b> is this Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM at the Eastland Home. Enjoy the warm fire pit and refreshments afterward. Any questions, please see Molly Eastland.</p> <p><b>Candlelight Service:</b> We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ,Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. During this service we will take an offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief called look/after. It’s purpose is to look after retired pastors, widows, and other PCA church servants in need. Envelopes for this offering will be in your bulletin next Sunday morning.</p> <p><b>2024 Giving:</b> Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2024 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.</p>		
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY		
<p><b>Sunday School: Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday Night:</b> The children (3 year olds - 6th) will be studying the catechism from January 8th - March 26. The 3, 4, &amp; 5 year olds will study questions 1-13 of the Children's Catechism with Susan Inman and Sue Bohnen. The 1st - 3rd will be learning about and memorizing questions 1 - 54 of the Children's Catechism with Scotty and Nancilynn Dickey. The 4th - 6th will begin the Shorter Catechism and will study the first 16 questions with Nate Inman and Christ Groebe.</p>		
SERVING SUNDAY		
<p><b>Bell Ringer:</b> Lara May Inman      <b>Next Week:</b> Noland Blakeney</p> <p><b>Nursery:</b> Carrie Mills, Savannah Brewer (SS), Caitlin Mills, Emily Lee (WS), <b>Evening Service:</b> Trasity Shores      <b>Next Sunday:</b> Graz Ouzts (SS), JP Word (WS)/Amy Kaiser</p> <p><b>Evening Service:</b> Gray Ouzts, Rebecca Thompson</p> <p><b>December:</b> All Coordinators      <b>January:</b> Cecile Whitten</p> <p><b>Children’s Church:</b> Daniel &amp; Cortney Greer <b>Next week:</b> Susan &amp; Jack Inman</p>		
YOUTH MINISTRY		
<p><b>Sunday School:</b> Jr and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.</p> <p><b>Youth Fellowship:</b> Youth Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.</p>		

Sermon Notes

“The Word Became Flesh”

John 1:1-3, 14

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OFFICERS	
<p><b>Elders</b> - Scotty Dickey, Thomas Eastland, Brad Mills, Brian Smith</p> <p>John Thompson, Jim Neill, Nat Whitten</p> <p><b>Deacons</b> - Richard Bohnen, Alex Dupree, Chris Groebe,</p> <p>Nate Inman, Ryan Lee, Eric Napier, Andrew Ouzts,</p> <p>Andrew Rush, Luther Stowers, Darrin Tolar, Matthew Warren</p>	
OFFICERS EMERITUS	
<p><b>Elders</b> - Walt Herrington, Gary Morrison, Jackie Thompson</p> <p><b>Deacons</b> - John McInnis †, Richard Harrison</p>	
WOMEN’S MINISTRY	
<p><b>Leadership Team</b> - Nancilynn Dickey, Julie Huddleston, Becky Inman, Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison, Jeanne Monsour, Melinda Neill, Elizabeth Pinkerton, Jo Stanford, Mary Thompson</p> <p><b>Flower Coordinators</b> - Deanna Rush &amp; Gray Ouzts</p>	
The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God.	
To Our Visitors	<p>We are pleased to have you worship with us.</p> <p>Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:</p> <p>“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” Romans 10:13</p> <p>Please fill out a visitor’s card and place It in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Mills at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Mills know if you have any questions.</p>



“The Church’s One Foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord...”

# Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 15, 2024

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

Meditation J. I. PACKER

It is here, in the thing that happened at the first Christmas, that the most profound unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. God became man; nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the incarnation.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JOSH PEOPLES, ORGANIST  
“Still, Still, Still” by Georg Götsch

Call to Worship \* PSALM 95:1-3  
“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

Invocation \* PSALM 95:6-7

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 208  
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Confession of Faith *Athanasian Creed*, Part 2  
Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith: that we worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the essence...The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nore created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son. Accordingly, there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. None in this Trinity is before or after, none is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, the unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in unity, is to be worshiped. Anyone then who desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

Confession of Sin LOUIS BENSON  
Almighty God, rich in mercy, hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions. We plead for Your forgiveness, for we have broken Your holy laws by our thoughts, words, deeds, and the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and stubbornness, and all our failures. Our loving Father, have mercy upon us. Of Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life and in union with Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon PROVERBS 28:13  
“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 229  
“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

Pastoral Prayer JIM NEILL

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings MATTHEW 6:2-4  
When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Offertory JOSH PEOPLES  
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” by Ralph Manuel

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 ADULT CHOIR  
“Welcome to Our World”

Prayer of Thanksgiving \* JIM NEILL

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 886  
John 1:1-3, 14

Sermon RAY SHORES  
“The Word Became Flesh ”

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>. 216  
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Benediction FROM ISAIAH 9:6  
Now may the One whose name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, be with you all. Amen.

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.

*Congregation Standing		
ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES		
Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM):	Dec. 8	149/46
Live Views:		8/4
Total Online views:		46/17
Sunday School:		110
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 6,853.00
Online Giving :		\$ 597.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 9,390.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$462,223.00 (+2,143.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$460,080.00

- IN PRAYER
- **Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten Jones (RUF)
  - **Ministries of the Week:** French Camp
  - **Shepherding Group of the Week:** John Thompson, Ryan Lee, Luther Stowers
  - **Child(ren) of the Week:** Laken & Hutton Curtis
  - **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
  - God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

- **BPC Children’s Ministry:** Please pray for our children to realize they are sinners that need Christ’s redemptive work. Pray that they seek after Christ, honor their parents and stay healthy and safe. Pray for our parents that they will lead our children to Christ by their words and example. Pray that God will provide Sunday School teachers.

- **Mike Langley** (Claire Langley’s father-in-law): diagnosed with blood clots in his lungs originating from his leg; on oral blood thinners for three months then follow up with the pulmonologist. Please pray for his recovery and peace for the family.
- **Cathy & Sarah Costello:** in an auto accident but uninjured. The Costello family is thanking the Lord for his protection and asking for his mercy toward the troubled young man who was also involved.
- **Susan Costello** (Joe Costello’s mother): recovering from a broken hip.
- **Beeg Ford:** recovering from a fractured vertebra; now living at Villa South Assisted Living in Florence.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth’s son-in-law): continues treatment for a very rare heart condition. Thank you for all your prayers.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 21 yr. old nephew): at home in Meridian. Please pray for his recovery to continue.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with several chronic illnesses.

- Loved ones battling cancer:
- **Jim Smith:** had another stable scan Thursday. We are praising God for His blessings and mercies to us.
  - **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee’s son): leukemia; +265 days post transplant. Had an appointment at St. Jude’s last Monday; please pray his liver enzymes were stable or decreased and not trending up, he doesn’t suffer from long term complications from the transplant, and he will remain cancer free.
  - **Laura Smith** (Kerri Matthew’s friend): glioblastoma (brain cancer), stage 4. She had surgery Oct. 25; taking oral chemo and radiation. Please keep Laura and her family in your prayers.
  - **Donna Smith** (Amelia Carpenter’s Aunt): received new cancer diagnosis. To discuss treatment options soon.
  - **Nancy Collum** (Tina Tolar’s mother): early stage carcinoma; had surgery on December 2nd.
  - **Myles Hester** (Scott Word’s 8 yr. old cousin): diagnosed with leukemia; at St. Jude.
  - **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath’s 21 year old neighbor): brain cancer. MRI was good; stable; continuing chemo pills; will have another MRI in Feb. Thank you for your prayers.
  - **Bill Inman:** taking cancer treatments for six to eight months.
  - **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour’s grandfather): continues chemo to control his cancer.

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Lois Carman, Beeg Ford, Mary Ruth Ruffin, Dotsy Peel
- **Service members:** Baylor Griggs, Japan (Scott Word’s nephew); Matthew Hellier, CA; Glenn Stewart, Fort Campbell (Sam Heath’s nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler’s nephew); Laurel and Aaron Arnold, (Jeff & Lisa Bynum’s daughter and son-in-law)

If you have not tried it, I encourage you to consider giving your tithes & offerings via an online website. This is an easy way to give a one-time or a recurring donation to our church. To enroll, simply go to <https://pcaf.blackbaudportal.com/> and choose 10131-Brandon Presbyterian Church from the list of funds available. If you have any issues enrolling or setting up your donations, please call (678-825-1040) or email [pcaf@pcanet.org](mailto:pcaf@pcanet.org) for support.