

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 6, 2020

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

### Meditation

"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY"

"All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th'eternal three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King."

### Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

ISAIAH 9:2-3

Leader: The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shone.**

Leader: You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;

**People: They rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.**

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 203

"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 hosts 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]

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 162

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

**1** Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha  
and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he, of the things that are, that  
have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

**2** O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the  
Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the  
world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and  
evermore!

**3** This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long expected; let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!

**4** O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; all  
dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King; let no tongue  
on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

### Confession of Sin

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let the Word abide with us until it has worked in us your holy will. *Amen.*

### Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

### Pastoral Prayer

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

### Reading of Holy Scripture

John 1:1-4 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been

made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

### Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Overwhelmed by the Word”

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 218

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**1** Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

#### Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

**2** Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

**3** Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

**4** Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

**5** All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: [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

## Sermon Notes

John 1:1-4

“Overwhelmed by the Word”

- I. Wonder at the Word Who Came at Christmas
  1. Wonder at the When and What That Means
  2. Wonder at the What and What That Means
  3. Wonder at the Who and What That Means
- II. Ponder on What the Word Made
  1. Ponder the Positive and What the Word Made
  2. Ponder the Negative and What the Word Made
- III. Trust in What the Word Does
  1. Receive New Life
  2. Come to the Light

### ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Nov 29	66
Live Views	14
Total Online Views	56
Sunday School	49
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 5,436.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$ 305,123.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving	\$ 345,312.00 (-\$40,189)

## Announcements

**2021 Offering Envelopes:** Pick up your Offering Envelopes in the breezeway.

**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 Sunday, December 6<sup>th</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.

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

**Christmas Special Offering:** During the Christmas Eve 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.



## Congratulations Graduate!



Brittany Wade, graduated from MSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Brittany has been accepted to Graduate School at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa to pursue a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. 251 Terrapin Creek Rd, Brandon, 39042.

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

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Michael and Mary Lott (SE Asia)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Palmer Home
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Scotty Dickey and Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Joel and Caroline Ouzts
- **College Student of the Week:** Will Tolar
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Debbie Ford** (Beeg Ford's daughter-in-law): had heart surgery Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Cheryl Marbury** (Jeanne Monsour's sister-in-law): outpatient surgery on her back Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>; pray for reduced pain & increased mobility.
- **Jean Beasley** (Jeanne Monsour's neighbor): at St. D with seizures and heavy sedation; pray for the best treatment.
- **Amy Kaiser:** Amy's mother passed away on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Taylor** (Ken & Nancy Bramlett's grandson): back home, improving.
- **Jennifer & Michael McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter & son-in-law): both have COVID; Jennifer has a huge blood clot in her right arm.
- **Julie Rogers:** had surgery on her left shoulder Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>; asking for prayers for a speedy recovery.
- **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain strength and for his new medications to be effective.
- **Sandra Mahaffey:** mother, Virginia Arnold, passed away on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **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.
- **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:** had gastric sleeve surgery on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>; hopes she can lose enough weight to be eligible for a kidney transplant.
- **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.
- **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.



- **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)



- **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