

Brandon Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, April 18, 2021

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

Meditation

LUKE 11:2

And Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come.

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"To a Lily" - Hodson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 2

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

Leader: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

Leader: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

People: "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

Leader: I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

People: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Leader: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

People: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

All: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o 38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 310

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Charles Wesley)

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; When he had
purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

3 His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

5 Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and take
his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

Ministry Moment

French Camp Academy

TOM DICKSON

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO SOLO

“Be Still, My Soul” arr. Chris Rice

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 13:18-19

¹⁸Then Jesus asked, “What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I
compare it to? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and
planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds
perched in its branches.”

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Kingdom Growth”

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 441

“Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane
no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his
head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning
sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest
song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his
chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

Offertory Prayer

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.*

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Luke 13:18-19
"Kingdom Growth"

I. Observations:

1. A Startling Distinction for the Kingdom Come

2. A Serious Infiltration for the Kingdom Come

II. Applications:

1. Don't Despise the Day of Small Beginnings

2. Don't Doubt the Day of the Kingdom 's Coming



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Announcements

Children and Parents: All Children are invited to the Inman home (108 Rollingwood Drive) from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for supper, catechism and play. Parents are welcome. Questions?? contact Susan 601-624-1439.

Adult & Youth Sunday School classes: The Adult and Youth Sunday School classes are meeting in the fellowship hall. Dr. Neill is continuing his study of 1&2 Samuel. Please join us.

2021 Offering Envelopes: Offering Envelopes are in the breezeway.

Flowers: 2021 calendar is on the bulletin board downstairs. 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.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Griffin Belknap **Next Week:** Jack Inman

A **BABY SHOWER** for Alex Word Adams will be held next Sunday, April 25 at 2 pm in the church fellowship hall. Alex and Michael are expecting Jack Lawler Adams in June and are registered on Amazon and Target. Masks are optional.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	April 11	101
Live Views		13
Total Online Views		25
Sunday School		61
Last Week's Offering:		\$13,526.00
Online Giving:		\$1,945.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 100,219.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$107,415.00 (-7,196)



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



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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Bill Goodman (MTW Global Training & Development)
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten (Luther Stowers & Eric Napier)
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Eliza, Clara & Layton Matthews
- **College Student of the Week:** Matt Stowers
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Bill Glover:** his surgery went well. Please keep Glover family in prayer.
- **Albert Allen:** fell and hit his head. He is now recovering at Wisteria; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Ken Bramlett:** passed away; please be in prayer for the family.
- **Jerry Moore:** please pray for him to regain his strength.
- **Jimmy Carmen** was just diagnosed with Ocular Myasthenia Gravis. He can't see out of his left eye. He is waiting to get an appointment with a specialist. Please pray for the appointment to happen soon. Please pray for Lois and Jimmy.
- **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.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): had open heart surgery; has been moved to Select Specialty Hospital, Madison, WI; husband, Gary, has been allowed to go visit her. She has good days and bad. She is still on a ventilator, which they are trying to ween her off of; could still be in the hospital another 4 to 6 months yet due to her present condition.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.
- **Bob Booth:** has ALS; receiving physical, occupational and respiratory therapies, as well as, home health.
- **Alex Word Adams:** expecting mother; due date June 27.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Scott Baxter:** (son of Mary Thompson's friend) is 40 years old & lives outside Birmingham; he's been diagnosed with stage 4 melanoma.
- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): his MRI of 3/11 showed a couple of spots that doctors are planning to treat with a chemo IV. Please pray that the insurance company will cooperate in this endeavor. He is getting PT and OT at Methodist Rehab.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): latest scan showed that Andrew's cancer has grown more than 20%, which makes him ineligible for the trial. MD Anderson and Sloan Kettering discussed next treatment options and agreed upon a new drug combination treatment. He has started that treatment in Tuscaloosa as prescribed by MDA. Please pray for relief from nausea and vomiting, which appear to be very real with this chemo, for him to maintain an appetite and for shrinkage of the tumors.
- **Sherrill Smith** (Jim Smith's sister): brain & lung cancer; has completed radiation on brain tumors and has begun chemo for the lung cancer.
- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer; good report from the oncologist; they are pleased that the cancer is slowly progressing and not creating too many problems; tires easily some days but for the most part is doing well; next oncologist follow up is in July.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. 3 years out from extensive surgery and he has had 3 years of stable scans.
- **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.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking; receiving treatment.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
- **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, Evelyn Culpepper, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts