

Brandon Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 05, 2021

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

Meditation "Hark the Herald Angles Sing"
"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Prelude MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST
"Wexford Carol" arr. Catherine McMichael
Nancy Bateman, cello

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship * ISAIAH 12:5-6
Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.
People: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.
Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God.
People: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

Hymn of Praise * N° 215
"While by the Sheep We Watched at Night"
1 While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Refrain: How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

2 There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.
[Refrain]

3 There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall redeem us all.
[Refrain]

4 This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.
[Refrain]

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise * N° 200

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King";
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Confession of Sin BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth,
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to
confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

ISAIAH 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

“Angels We Have Heard on High” arr. Ted Smith

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

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

“Huron Carol”

Nancy Bateman, cello

This is the oldest Canadian Christmas carol and was probably written in 1642 by Jean de Brebeuf, a Jesuit missionary to the Huron tribe. He used imagery to explain the birth of Christ in the vernacular of the tribe.

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 1:46-56

⁴⁶And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”

⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Mary’s Carol of Confidence”

Hymn of Response*

N^o195

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Luke 1:46-56

“Mary’s Carol of Confidence”

I. The Battle for Confidence

II. The Basis of Confidence

III. The Belief Which Is Confidence

Announcements

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

Children’s Christmas Party: The children’s Christmas Party will be this afternoon from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Inman’s home (108 Rollingwood Drive). If you have questions, please see Nate or Susan.

Adult Sunday School: Walt Herrington is leading a study on sanctification December - 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.

Devo & Donuts: All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to join us this Wednesday, December 8th at 7:15 a.m. for our last 2021 Devo & Donuts. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Our Daily Bread: Pick up your copy of the Dec.-Feb. issue in the breezeway.

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

BELL RINGERS: Today: Antley Grace Eastland **Next Week:** Avery Thompson

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Nov 28	102
Live Views		11
Total Online Views		18
Sunday School		58
Last Week’s Offering:		\$3,135.00
Online Giving:		\$0.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$390,776.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$329,403.00 (+61,373.00)



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:** Carl and Becky Chaplin
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith & Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Cora, Colton, and Jake Whitney
- **College Student of the Week:** Matt Stowers
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**





- **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 Vredevelde** (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.



Thank You:

The Women's Ministry Team would like to thank the volunteers who helped with the Ladies Christmas Gathering and those who decorated the church for Christmas! We appreciate all you do!

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim' next scan was 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 Vredevelde** (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