

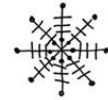
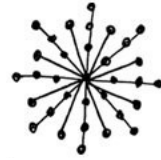
## THIS WEEK @ BPC

### TODAY

8:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
9:45 AM Sunday School (Nursery available)  
11 AM Morning Worship Service (Nursery available)  
Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)  
5:15 PM olds)  
6 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

### SATURDAY

7 PM Christmas Cantata  
Fourth Friday Fellowship Christmas Party



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

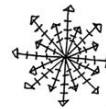


**Christmas Project:** TODAY is the deadline to give to The Center for Pregnancy Choices. They need: Size 4 & 5 diapers, diaper cream, baby wash & small happies for the mamas: nail polish, lotions, lip gloss. See Davida Curtis with questions.

**Christmas Cantata - TONIGHT!** at 6 pm, followed by a reception. Bring your favorite holiday finger food to share!



**Winter Quarter Sunday School Classes:** We've just begun a new quarter. Charlie Moak is leading a class on *Ruth & Esther* in the "Kitchen classroom". Nat Whitten & Brian Smith are leading a class on the *Parables of Jesus* in the "Choir Classroom."



**Fourth Friday Christmas Party:** THIS Saturday, December 17, 7 pm, at the home of Ellie & Scott Word. Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert, and a white elephant gift.

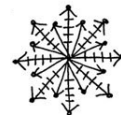
Dear Brandon Presbyterian Church Family, Thank you so much for your generous gift to support the Lord's work through RUF at Stanford. Over the past few months it has been incredible to see the Lord soften the hearts of students and my own as well. I continue to grow in confidence and hope that the Lord is completing His good work. Thank you for partnering with me in sharing the great hope and grace that Jesus offers to the students on Stanford's campus. Thank you! Laura Whitten

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



*We need Nursery workers for our Christmas Eve service: Saturday, December 24, 5:15 pm. If you can help, please contact the church office.*

**THANK YOU!** to all who sent items for the Happy Birthday Jesus Party! The children had a blast.



**TONIGHT @ 6 pm:** Christmas Cantata with reception to follow.

**Shut-in Visits:** Thursday, December 22. We'll meet at Peach Tree at 1 pm, then travel to The Blake, then go to TCBY for a treat. Join us!

**Children's Bulletins:** Available Sunday mornings for ages 3-6 and 7-12. Pick one up!

**No Children's Church Sunday, December 25. 11 am worship only.**

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** James David Wade

*Next Week:* Jazzlyn Nordin

**Nursery:** Tiffany Glover

*Next Week:* Cecile Whitten, Penney Stokes

**Children's Church this month:** Peter Glover

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**Devo & Donuts** (6th-8th grades): NEXT Wednesday, December 21, at 7:15 am. See Davida Curtis for more info.



## SERMON NOTES

December 11, 2016

### DR. JOHN DAWSON

Luke 2:1-20

I. Peace From Whom?

II. Peace Through Whom?

III. Peace For Whom?

### STAFF

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### OFFICERS

**Elders:** TE John Dawson, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten

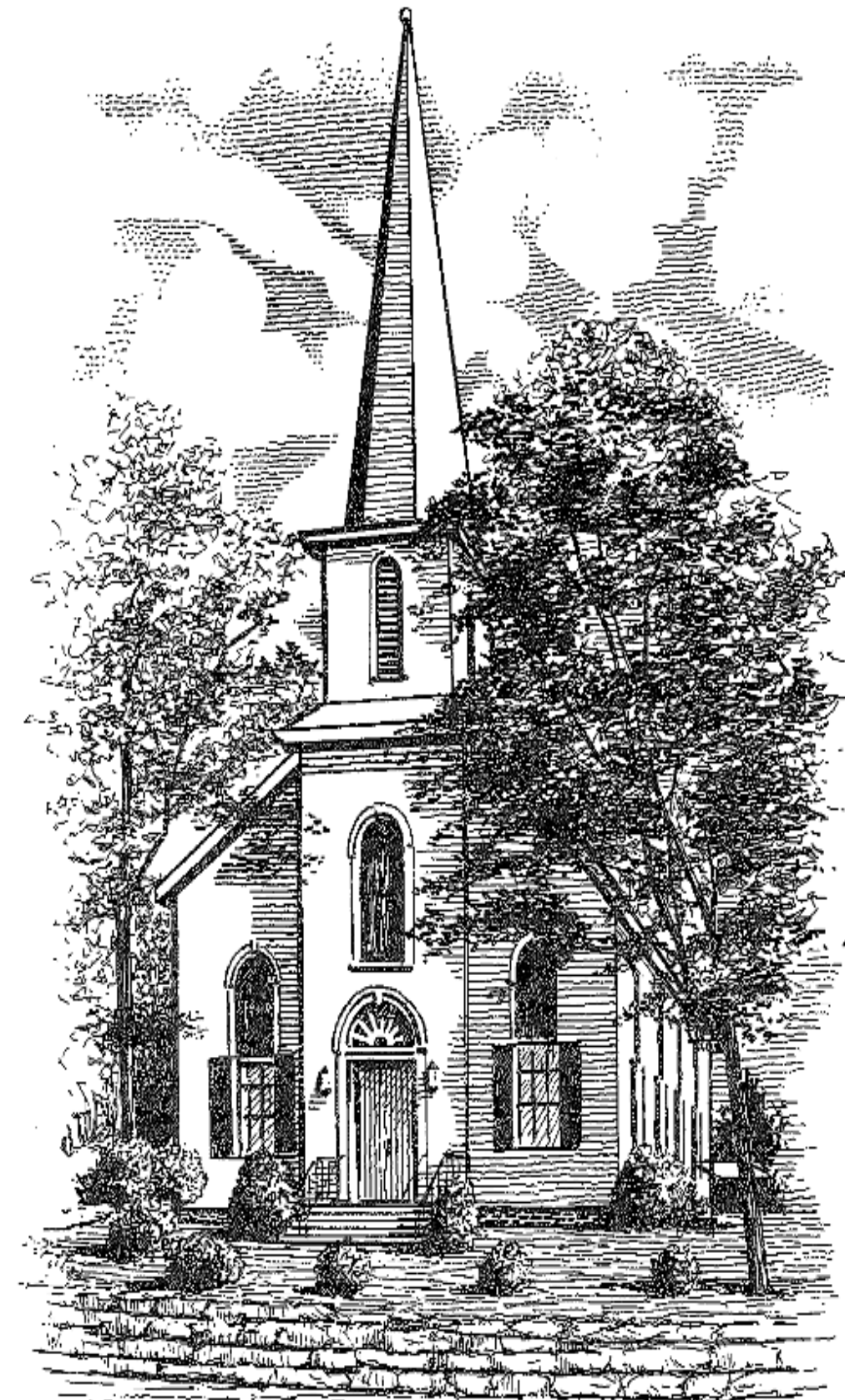
**Deacons:** Kyle Carlton, Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROUND TABLE

*Women's Ministry Director:* Rebekah Dawson  
*Dawson Shepherding Group:* Angela McInnis; *Thompson Shepherding Group:* Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill; *Whitten Shepherding Group:* Jeanne Monsour, Erin Clayton; *Morrison Shepherding Group:* Kerri Matthews; Carol Booth; *Herrington Shepherding Group:* Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord.."*

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 11, 2016

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

## Meditation

"God hates sin not just because it violates his law but because it violates *shalom* (Hebrew for "peace, universal wholeness"), because it breaks the peace, because it interferes with the way things are supposed to be."  
- Cornelius Plantinga

## Prelude

"There's a Song in the Air"  
Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

HELD

## Welcome & Announcements

### Choral Call to Worship \*\*

"Baby Born Christmas Day"  
Preschool Children's Choir

### Call to Worship \*

ISAIAH 9:6-7

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
**People:** and his name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Leader: Of the increase of his government  
and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with  
righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.  
**People:** The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

### Hymn of Praise \*

Nº 200

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

## Invocation

### Hymn of Praise \*

Nº 702

"Peace, Perfect Peace"

### Affirmation of the Incarnation:<sup>1</sup>

Leader: "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!"  
**People:** "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, all that is, seen & unseen."  
Leader: "O that birth, forever blessed, when the virgin full of grace,  
By the Holy Spirit conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!"  
**People:** "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the

power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end."

Leader: "O ye heights of heaven adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing,  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King!  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!"

**People:** "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

**All:** "Christ, to Thee God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be: Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, evermore and evermore!"

## Pastoral Prayer

### God's Tithes & Our Offerings

CANDEILLE

"Noel"

### 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.

### Anthem\*\*

"Grant Us Peace"  
Adult Choir

(Children are dismissed to Children's Church)\*\*

### Reading of Holy Scripture

Nº 724

Luke 2:1-20

### Sermon

DR. JOHN DAWSON

"Where's the Peace?"

### Hymn of Response\*

Nº 203

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

### Benediction \*

### Postlude \*

\*Congregation Standing  
\*\* 11 am Service Only

<sup>1</sup> R. Kent Hughes, The Pastor's Book. (Crossway: Wheaton) 2015, page 95.

## To Our Visitors

We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:  
"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"  
Romans 10:13  
Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Dawson at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Dawson know if you have any questions.

## IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Rev. & Mrs. Chaplin
- **Ministry of the Week:** Mississippi Benevolence Network
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Scotty Dickey
- God would continue to bless us with new **visitors, families, & members.**
- **Brittany Beddow & David Mahaffey:** engaged.
- **Brandi Wilkins** (Bethany Lee's sister) & **Jonathan Hall:** engaged to be married March 18.
- **Kristen & Sam Murray:** expecting a baby in late December.
- **Lacey (Morrison) & Dominic Avioli:** expecting a baby in January.
- **Nicki Mason,** daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bramlett; expecting a baby.
- **Amanda Stokes:** Intern with RUF, Western Carolina University.
- **Laura Whitten:** Intern with RUF, Stanford.
- **Barbara Fowler:** having some tests run.
- **Jane Ehman:** Sitting up & eating, seems to be getting stronger, still at Riveroaks 4404.
- **Joan Allen:** In-home hospice.
- **Tony Boyd,** neighbor of Barbara Fowler: tragically lost her son Nov. 1
- **Florene Dove:** Outpatient surgery to remove melanoma.
- Scott Word's uncle, **Vic:** lung transplant list, regressing, not breathing well.
- **Loved ones battling cancer:** **Gayle Richardson:** cancer, chemo & radiation, finished treatments, PET scan on 12/30 to determine if treatment worked. **Caffie Chambers,** Barbara Fowler's friend's sister: breast cancer, last round of chemo, in pain. **Judy Bramlett,** Ken Bramlett's sister: cancer returned in several places, finished treatment, feels good, awaiting test results. **Bobby Taylor,** John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma, undergoing treatment. **Austin Brayfield,** Cecile Whitten's Aunt: inoperable brain tumor, had infection and was hospitalized, in rehab, physical & spiritual needs. **Jeff Harrison,** Charlie Moak's close friend: prostate cancer, finished treatment and awaiting results, experiencing heart rhythm issues. **Jack Thompson,** Scott Word's Uncle: prostate cancer, doing well, needs to be monitored with regular check-ups, his wife will have surgery for digestive issues soon. **Roscoe Douglas,** Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: (colon, liver, lymph nodes) stage 4, 6 months to live. **Andrew McCall,** 8-yr-old son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.
- **Service members:** S.T. Heath, Mark Muse, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joan Allen, Ann Benton, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30/11am/6pm): Dec. 4	37/105/56
Sunday School	103
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 11,525.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 6,249.00
Year to Date Giving:	\$ 326,162.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:	\$ 306,201.00 (+\$19,961.00)