

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

11 AM Morning Worship Service (No Children's Church)

SATURDAY

Deadline for year-end giving

SERMON NOTES

December 25, 2016

DR. JOHN DAWSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Merry Christmas!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter Quarter Sunday School Classes: 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." Join us!

Poinsettias: Thanks to all who contributed to the beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary for the month of December. Please pick up your poinsettia after today's service. After today, they will be downstairs across from the nursery till this Wednesday.

New "byFaith" magazines here: this issue contains pictures/updates on those who are struggling with the aftermath of the LA floods. Be sure to pick one up in the breezeway.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1, 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services (Wayne Herring preaching, Lord's Supper Observed)
Children's Church Resumes (11am)
9:45 am Sunday School
No Evening Worship
No Evening Children's Activities
Sunday, January 8 Regular services & activities resume

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

No Evening Children's activities till January 8.

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: Jude Smith

Next Week: Kate Inman

Nursery: Susan Inman

Next Week: Melinda Neill

Children's Church this month: Peter Glover

Next Month: Serina Blackwell

YOUTH MINISTRY

Devo & Donuts (6th-8th grades): **THIS Wednesday, December 21, at 7:15 am.** We won't meet again till Jan. 18. See Davida for more info.

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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

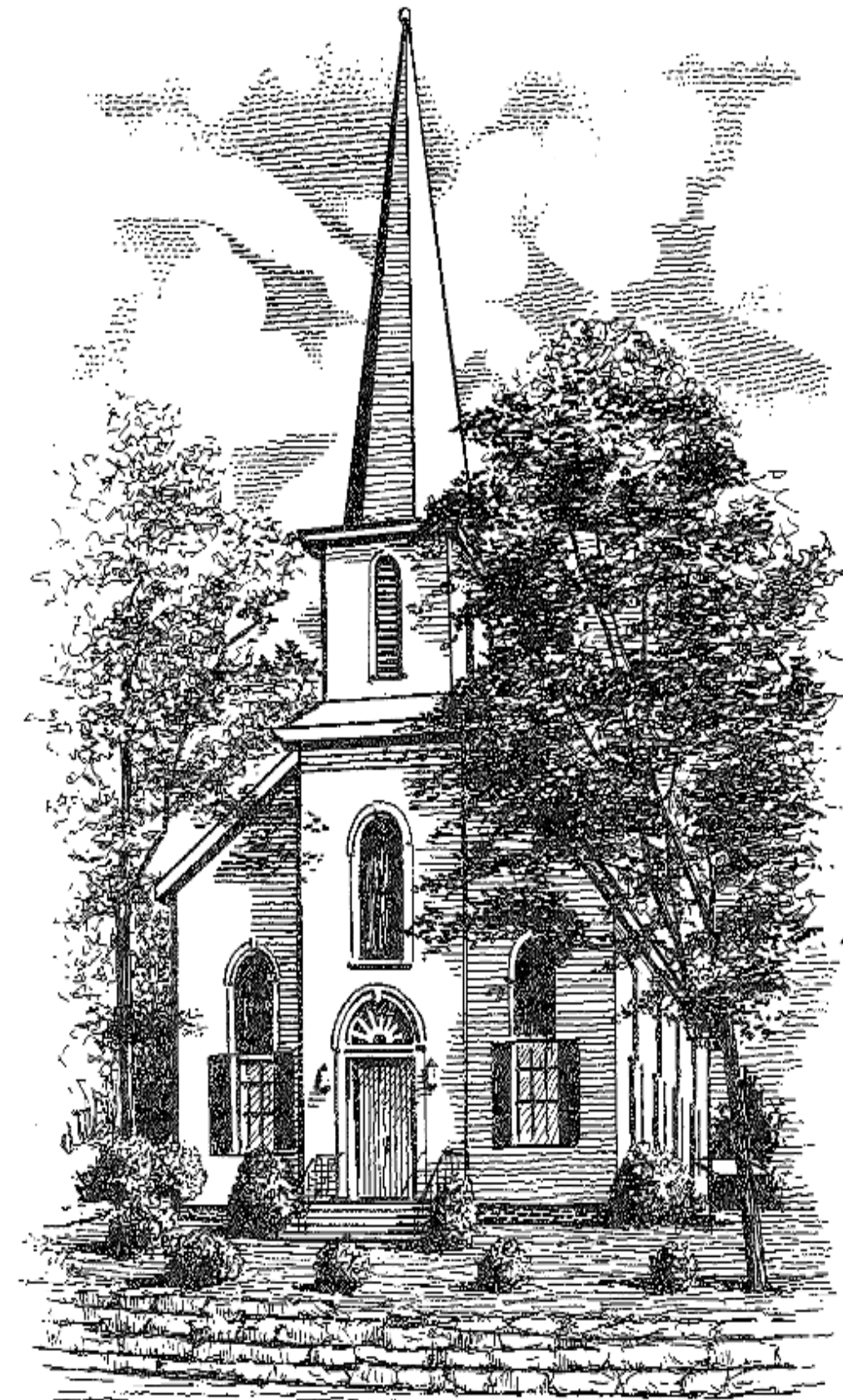
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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 25, 2016

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

Meditation

“Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.” - Isaac Watts

Prelude

NEIDLINGER/STICKLES

“The Birthday of a King”

Jacquelyn Thornell, organist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 2

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. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Leader: 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 *

Nº. 208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

(INSERT)

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

Litany for Christmas

Leader: The Word was made flesh,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: and dwelt among us,

People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

(Brief Silence)

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him! O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

WALTHER

“God Gave To Us This Glorious Day”

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 **

MARSHA GLOVER

“Mary Did You Know?”

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

Offertory Response *

Nº. 203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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 host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Reading of Holy Scripture

Nº. ?

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

DR. JOHN DAWSON

“The King”

Hymn of Response *

Nº. 196

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing

** 11 am Service Only

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. White
- **Ministry of the Week:** Aung Lai
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers
- 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.
- **Melanie Morano,** daughter of Peggy Jordan's neighbor: surgery to remove a brain tumor 12/13, went well, moving to Seattle for further treatments.
- **Barbara Fowler:** having some tests run.
- **Jane Ehman:** Sitting up & eating, seems to be getting stronger.
- **Joan Allen:** Being treated for cough, will then go home for hospice care.
- **Tony Boyd,** neighbor of Barbara Fowler: tragically lost her son Nov. 1
- **Vic,** Scott Word's uncle: lung transplant list, regressing.
- **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. 18	34/78/32
Sunday School		87
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 19,954.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,249.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 350,913.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 318,699.00 (+\$32,214.00)