THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)

9:45 AM Sunday School

11 AM Worship Service (Nursery, Children's Church)

5:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

6 PM Christmas Cantata

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Classes // Walt Herrington is leading a class on the Sacraments in the Choir Room // Dr. Dawson is leading a class on Dealing with suffering in the Kitchen Classroom.

Brandon Presbyterian Cookbooks // Available in the café area // \$12 // They make great Christmas presents!

Christmas Cantata! // Don't miss our annual Christmas Cantata, TONIGHT at 6 pm // Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall // Bring a finger food to share.

2018 Flower Calendar is now on the bulletin board // If you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on a specific date, sign up now.

Dear Church Family, I appreciate the many kind and loving calls, texts, and the food you sent to the house during the loss of my dear Dan. Thank you for your prayers then and now. I feel so blessed to be in this loving and caring church. - Ranita Callicutt

Jim and I would like to thank you, our church family, for all your support during this time of diagnosis, surgery, hospitalization, and recovery. We have been encouraged, uplifted, and strengthened through your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, and texts. So many times, there has been that "timely word" as well as that hug just when we needed one. The meals you brought to us nourished us in spirit as well as in body. We are truly grateful to be a part of such a tightly knit body of believers. Thank you. God bless you. Jim and Kathy Smith

Sunday, December 24: Morning Worship Schedule will remain unchanged. Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, December 31: Morning Worship Schedule will remain unchanged. NO Children's Church. NO Sunday Evening Worship service or activities.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THANK YOU // A huge THANK YOU to all of you who brought food and helped with the Happy Birthday Jesus Party! We had 30 kids come! And were able to collect a lot of underwear and socks for the Helping Hands ministry. We will resume Sunday Night children's activities on January 7: Scotty Dickey will lead the children through the book "Old Story New." In February we will begin singing with Marsha & Michelle in preparation for Easter.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Eliza Matthews Next Week: Gracey Napier

Nurserv: TBD **Next Week**: TBD December: Melinda Neill January: TBD

SERMON NOTES

December 10, 2017

John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-18

I. Source of All Things

II. Supreme Over All Things

III. Sum of All Things

STAFF

Dr. John K. Dawson - Pastor: jdawson@brandonpres.com Davida Curtis - Director of Children's Ministry: djacurtis@yahoo.com Marsha Glover - Choral Music Director: mcglover1451@bellsouth.net Jacquelyn Thornell - Organist: jsthornell@bellsouth.net Olivia Mullins - Secretary: secretary@brandonpres.com **Buford Nicholson** - Custodian

OFFICERS

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

> Deacons: 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, Dotsy Peel Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Melinda Neill Whitten Shepherding Group: Jeanne Monsour, Molly Napier Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford, Michelle Smith

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THE BRANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRANDON, MISS.

"The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 10, 2017

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

Meditation

"No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found."

- Isaac Watts

Prelude Clarke

"Fantasia on 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'"

Jacquelyn Thornell, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

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 thenceforth and forevermore.

People: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn of Praise * N°. 214

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Invocation

Hymn of Praise * N°. 213

"What Child Is This"

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the

Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

HELD

"There's A Song In The Air"

Anthem **

"Worship Christ the Newborn King" From Sing Joy to All the World!

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.

Children Dismissed to Children's Church

Reading of Holy Scripture

N^{o.} 750, 833

John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-18

Sermon Dr. John Dawson

"All Things Through Him"

Hymn of Response * N°. 195

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing
** 11 am Service Only

To Our Visitors

We are pleased to have you 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: Diane & Steve Hill (Peru)
- Ministry of the Week: Palmer Home for Children
- Shepherding Group of the Week: Gary Morrison, Jow Williams, John Thompson
- Child(ren) of the Week: Avery Thompson
- God would bless us with new conversions, visitors, families, & members.
- **Director of Student Ministries Search Committee**: Scotty Dickey, Michelle Smith, Chris Groebe, Kerri Matthews.
- Nominations & Election of New Officers
- Kayla Tolar & Andrew Downs: engaged; wedding May 18, 2018.
- Jim McBrayer: Has been moved to Brandon Court for rehab.
- Will Glover, son of Marsha & Bill Glover: Brain cancer, chemo & radiation, will be part of a clinical study, treatments went well.
- Jacquelyn Thornell, Surgery scheduled for THIS Wednesday, December 13.
- **Vic Borromeo**, Scott Word's uncle: recovering from double lung transplant; immune system, stamina & spirits are low. Hasn't returned to work yet.
- Joni & Michael Vance: baby girl born Oct. 22, Taylor Hayes, hole in heart, will have surgery to repair hole in heart and replace valve sometime in the future.
- Evelyn Culpepper: broken femur, recovering from surgery at her daughter's.
- Gage Parker, 18 yr old son of Barbara Fowler's friend, Gina: Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma, chemo in hospital, last scans show some decrease in cancer cells.
- Loved ones battling cancer: John McInnis: pancreatic & liver cancer, finished fourth round of chemo, beginning new, milder, chemo treatments, scan in 6 weeks to determine progress. Jim Smith: pancreatic cancer, has metastasized to lymph nodes, feeding tube removed, carefully eating solid food, has gained 8 lbs, scan in January. Joyce Ellzey, David Wade's aunt: Chemo followed by surgery. Jane **Dowell**, mother of Alex Word's friend, LeAndrea Hampton: aggressive brain cancer, she may have 6 months - 3 years to live. Steven Bell, Tiffany Glover's brother: liver cancer returned, stage 4. Melanie Morano, daughter of Peggy Jordan's neighbor: small recurrence of brain cancer, moving to MD Anderson. Jack Thompson, uncle of Scott Word: prostate cancer, all looks well so far, test in November. Robin Marbury Morris, Jeanne Monsour's niece: colon & liver cancer, will continue chemo here in Jackson. Judy Bramlett, Ken Bramlett's sister-in-law: found two more tumors, hoping to get into clinical study. **Bobby Taylor**, John Dawson's cousin: stage 4 lymphoma. Roscoe Douglas, Rebekah Dawson's SIL's father: stage 4 colon cancer, lung tumors, has lived 2 1/2 years despite being given only 6 months at diagnosis, treating with only Proton therapy, vitamins, and diet changes, quality of life very good, recovering from recent hip operation. Andrew McCall, 8-yr-old son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall: acute leukemia.
- Service members: S.T. Heath, Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)
- Nursing home residents & shut-ins: Joan Allen, Jane Ehman, Jim McBrayer, Merrit McNamee, Peggy Piner, Polly & Laverne Roberts, Mary Jane Thompson

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/11 am/6 pm): December 3 44/89/66

Sunday School: ?

Last Week's Offering: \$ 12,550.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering:\$ 6,381.00Year to Date Giving:\$ 351,880.00

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