

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service (*Nursery, Children's Church*)
6 PM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
NO Children's or Youth Activities

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 church office // Place \$12 for each cookbook in the wooden box // They make great Christmas presents!

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.

Send a Note! // Envelopes and cards are available in the breezeway to write a Christmas note to Ashley Belknap & family // Take a stamp to mail yourself, or place completed note on desk in church office for Olivia to mail for you.

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

Sunday School // We will be having Sunday School as usual on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Children's Sunday Night Activities // We will resume 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.

NO Children's Church // Sunday, December 31 - New Years Eve

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Gracey Napier
Nursery: Nate Inman
December: Melinda Neill

Next Week: Hutton Curtis
Next Week: Tiffany Glover
January: Peter Glover

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School // We will be having Sunday School as usual on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Youth Sunday Night Activities // Will resume on January 7.

Middle School Devo & Donuts // Will resume Wednesday, January 17, at 7:15 am.

SERMON NOTES

December 17, 2017

John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-18

I. Reconciliation

II. Redemption

III. Restoration

STAFF

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OFFICERS

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

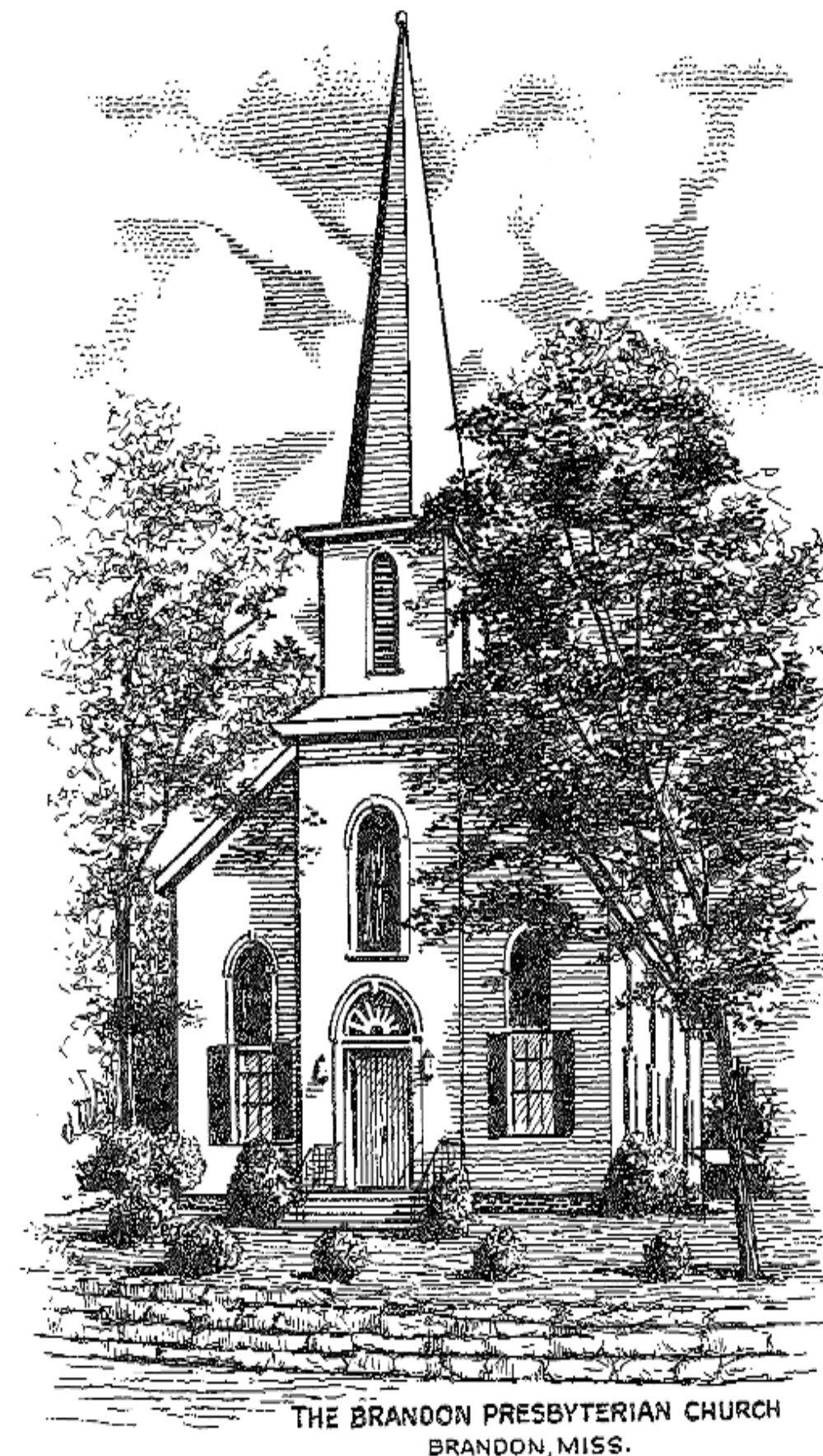
Deacons: Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

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

Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 17, 2017

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

Meditation

“In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago....
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ. ”

Prelude

Marsha Glover

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 85:7-10

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

People: **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

Leader: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 208

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 204

“Away in a Manger”

Responsive Reading

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our
fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to
us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.

People: **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of
his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his
power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the
right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much**

superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent
than theirs.

Leader: For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

People: **And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.” Of the angels he says, “He
makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” But of
the Son he says, “your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the
scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.**

Leader: You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore
God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions.” And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation
of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of
your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear
out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a
garment they will be changed.

People: **But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”**

Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Anthem **

“Christmas Bells Are Ringing”
Elementary Children’s Choir

Gloria Patri *

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Children Dismissed to Children's Church

Reading of Holy Scripture

John 1:4

N^o. 750

Sermon

“Life”

DR. JOHN DAWSON

Hymn of Response *

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

N^o. 207

Benediction *

Postlude *

To Our Visitors	We are pleased to have you worship with us. Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:
	<i>“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”</i> 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:** Caleb & Mi Cheon
- **Ministry of the Week:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jackson, Jude, & Lilly Smith
- 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 went well, recovering at St. Dominic.
- **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 10	46/86/112
Sunday School:		101
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 8,102.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,381.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 359,982.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 319,050.00 (+\$40,932)