

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service (*Nursery, Children's Church*)
5 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 AM Worship Service (*Nursery*)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11 AM Worship Service (*Nursery, NO Children's Church*)
NO Evening Worship or 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.

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

PCA Ministerial Relief Fund // This ministry's purpose is to provide for widows of PCA pastors and missionaries in their time of need. An offering for this ministry will be taken during the Christmas Eve service. Please indicate on the memo line of your check that it is for the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund.

Year End Giving //For your giving to count toward 2017 totals, your gift needs to be submitted to us by midnight on New Year's Eve (NEXT Sunday).

Deacon Emeritus // John McInnis has been granted Emeritus status for his many years of very faithful service.

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: Hutton Curtis **Next Week:** Jack Inman
Nursery: Tiffany Glover **Next Week:** Deedee S., Michelle S., Rebecca T.
December: Melinda Neill **January:** Peter Glover

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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

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

SERMON NOTES

December 24, 2017

John 1:1-14

I. The Warning Regarding Reception

II. The Way of Reception

III. The Reward of Reception

STAFF

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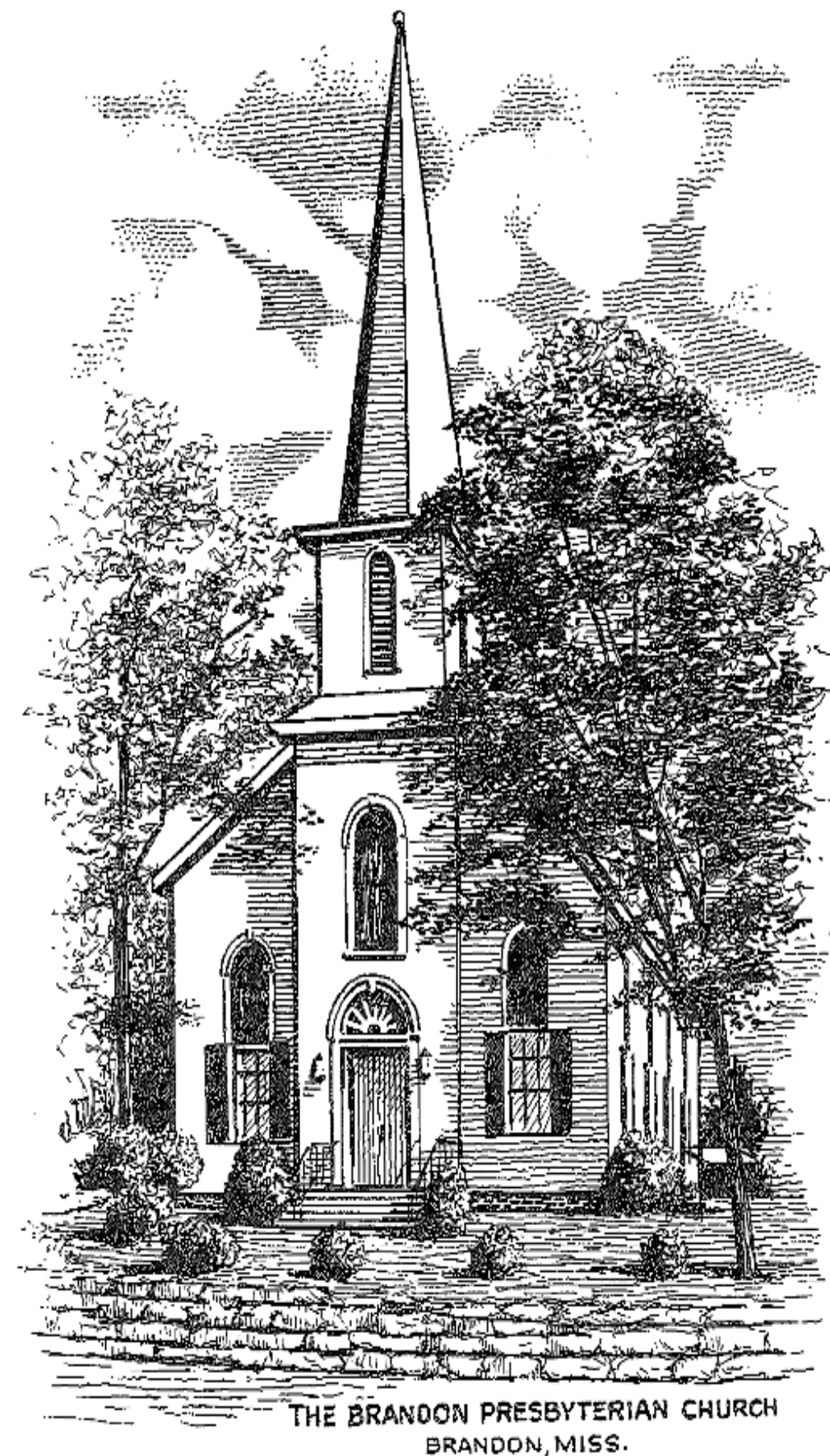
Elders: TE John Dawson, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison,
RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten
Deacons: Scotty Dickey, John McInnis, Brian Smith,
Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Joe Williams

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 24, 2017

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

Meditation

“As Jesus gives life and is life, raises the dead and is the resurrection, gives bread and is bread, speaks truth and is truth, so as he speaks the word he is the Word.”

- C.H. Dodd

Prelude

arr. BY CAROL TORNUST

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Marsha Glover, pianist

“Angels We Have Heard on High” **
Rebekah & John Dawson, Oliver Dawson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 227

“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”

Invocation

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 201

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Membership Vows

Elliot Dawson
Holly & Tim Williams

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

arr. BY FRED BOCK

“Away in a Manger”

Special Music ***

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Rebekah & John Dawson, Oliver Dawson

Anthem **

“See, Amid the Winter Snow”
Adult Choir

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

John 1:1-14

N^o. 750

Sermon

DR. JOHN DAWSON

“The Reception”

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 203

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Benediction *

Postlude *

*Congregation Standing
** 11 am Service Only
*** 8:30 am Service Only

IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Rev. & Mrs. Goodman
- **Ministry of the Week:** RUF: Amanda Stokes & Laura Whitten
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** John Dawson, John McInnis
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Brittany & James Wade
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**
- **Director of Student Ministries Search Committee:** Scotty Dickey, Michelle Smith, Chris Groebe, Kerri Matthews.

- **Kayla Tolar & Andrew Downs:** engaged; wedding May 18, 2018.

- **Jim McBrayer:** In hospice care in Ridgeland.
- **Will Glover,** son of Marsha & Bill Glover: Brain cancer, chemo & radiation, will be part of a clinical study, weekly treatments.
- **Jacquelyn Thornell,** Surgery, discharged 12/18, doing well.
- **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, continues to improve, 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

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.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (8:30 am/11 am/6 pm):	December 17	33/108/37
Sunday School:		85
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 21,422.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 6,381.00
Year to Date Giving:		\$ 381,404.00
Year to Date Budgeted Giving:		\$ 325,431.00 (+\$55,973)