

Brandon Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship

The Lord’s Day, December 19, 2021

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

Meditation

“O HOLY NIGHT”

“Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear’d and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!”

Prelude

JACK & KATE INMAN

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” Jack Inman
“We Three Kings” Kate Inman

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

ISAIAH 11:1-6

Leader: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

People: And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Leader: And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

People: But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;

People: And a little child shall lead them.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o 213

“What Child Is This”

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

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“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

2 “Fear not,” said he—for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind— “glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.

3 “To you, in David’s town this day, is born of David’s line, the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

4 “The heav’nly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”

Vows of Membership

Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Lisa Watson

Pastoral Prayer

God’s Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

MR. JERRY WATSON

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Gloria Patri *

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

Special Music

LAKEN CURTIS

“We Three Kings”

Dismiss Children For Children’s Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

LUKE 2:25-40

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: ²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” ³³ The child’s father and

mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Simeon and Anna: Waiting Upon the Lord”

Hymn of Response*

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“Once in Royal David’s City”

- 1 Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall: with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey, love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay: Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav’n above, and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God’s right hand on high; when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Luke 2:25-40

“Simeon and Anna: Waiting Upon the Lord”

I. How Do We Wait Upon the Lord?

II. Why Do We Wait Upon the Lord?

2021 Giving: Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2021 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

The Music of Christmas
You are invited to join The First Presbyterian Church
for a Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols
featuring
The First Presbyterian Church Choir & Symphony Orchestra
Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Announcements

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Candlelight service on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday School: There will be no Sunday School on December 26th.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed December 24th & 31st.

Communion: Please prepare your hearts to receive the Lord's Supper on Jan. 2nd.
byFaith Magazines : New byFaith magazines are ready for pickup in the breezeway.

Adult Sunday School: Walt Herrington is leading a study on sanctification December thru February. Everyone is invited to come and join us.

Ladies Bible Study: “Bible Study will not meet this month. We will pick back up in January.

Sunday Night: Children and Parent Sunday evening activities will resume January 9, 2022. More details to come.

Christmas Gifts: Looking for Christmas gifts? We have some of our church cookbooks available in the church office. \$10.00 apiece.

Flowers: The flower calendar for 2021 has been posted on the bulletin board downstairs. If you have a date you prefer please sign up early to reserve that date. Thank you to all who provided flowers for church services this year.

BELL RINGERS: Today: Daisy Inman **Next Week:** Graham Belknap

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Dec 12	109
Live Views		9
Total Online Views		28
Sunday School		68
Last Week's Offering:		\$8,233.00
Online Giving:		\$4,475.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$410,163.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$343,725.00 (+66,438.00)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Carl and Becky Chaplin
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Lou Woods
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Bill Glover:** had an appendectomy last Friday and stayed in the hospital over the weekend. He is still experiencing pain and his internist is concerned about some elevated liver panels so he will have blood work and scans before Christmas.
- **James Callicutt** (Ranita's son): recently had a liver transplant; is in a lot of pain; labs are good and drs. are pleased with his progress; took his first long walk down the hospital hall. We thank our friends at BPC for all your prayers.
- **Cindy Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now back at home with my brother and doing well. Thank you all for the prayers for her healing.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): has regained only some of her ability to smell from having covid a year ago; she can smell strong odors only. Her blood clots are under control as long as she stays on her Eliquis.
- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke and is "about the same"; still in ICU at St. Dominics. Please pray for her and the family.
- **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): will be having exploratory surgery on December 21st. She lives near Dallas, TX. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): completed radiation treatment at MD Anderson. Treatment was effective but will need heart surgery in the near future.
- **Peggy Jordan:** had back surgery; is now at Wisteria for rehab.
- **Jim Neill:** had shoulder surgery. At this time it's not clear how much range of motion Dr. Jim will be able to regain; please pray that he gets as much back as he can. Pray for Melinda as she cares for him.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Gib Vredevelde** (Julie Rogers' father): passed away on December 5th. I would like to thank all those who have prayed for him and my family and for those who sent cards.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. Jim's December 14 scan was stable. We want to thank our BPC family for all the prayer support. We are so thankful for these blessings.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; had chemo at St. Jude. He is doing well and is back at French Camp.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); Two praises! His fluid retention has decreased by 50%! His latest scan showed no new lesions, the bulk of the disease covering his bowels is slightly less, and overall everything is stable! However this regimen of chemo has caused extreme fatigue, nausea, and a complete loss of appetite. He has also received multiple blood and platelet transfusions after each round of treatment. He started the same chemo regimen on Nov. 4th, with a slight decrease in dosage to see if that helps make it more tolerable. Please pray that this round will be much different in that regard. And that it will continue to produce positive results. Also please pray for success of fund raising and for federal funding for a research lab at MDA that is very close to starting a clinical trial specifically for DSRCT (desmoplastic small round cell tumor). The family is so thankful for all your prayers.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

Merry Christmas Greetings

Christmas Cards and greetings from the Bond Family, Ashley Belknap, David and Robin White, French Camp, and Palmer Home are on the downstairs bulletin board.