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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 26, 2021

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

Prelude

Marsha Glover/Pianist

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

People: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

Leader: They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

People: To declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Hymn of Praise *

N° 208

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb: very God, begotten, not created; [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; glory to God in the highest; [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N° 199

"See, amid the Winter's Snow"

1 See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below, see the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2 Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies: he who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain] 3 Say, ye holy shepherds, say, —what's your joyful news today? Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep? [refrain]

4 "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wondrous light; angels singing, 'Peace on earth,' told us of the Savior's birth." [Refrain]

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the

Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Footnotes: "descended into hell" = descended into the place of the dead, not of eternal punishment. catholic church" = the church exists universally, not just in one culture or denomination

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes & Our Offerings

Offertory

MARSHA GLOVER/PIANIST

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.*

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

Reading of Holy Scripture

ISAIAH 9:1-7

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a

light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Sermon Rev. Devin Kahan

"He Shall Be Called Mighty God"

Hymn of Response*

N^o207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

- 1 Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- **2** Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- **3** Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Isaiah 9I 1-7

"He shall Be Called Mighty God"

1. Experience the Christmas Spirit

2. Embody the Christmas Spirit

Poinsettias Pickup: Poinsettias can be picked up by the congregation after the Sunday service on December 26th or on Tuesday (28th) thru Thursday (30th) from 8:30am until 12:30 pm from the hallway by the nursery.

2021Giving: 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 1^{st} , 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

Announcements

Welcome: We welcome Rev. Devin Kahan to our service today. He is an Assistant Pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland, MS. He works mostly with students. His wife's name is Karin and he has 4 children: Macklin (6), Ellis (4), Abbott (2), and Lenora (11 months). He has had the privilege of preaching at Brandon PCA a handful of times and is glad to be back.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed December 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.

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: Graham Belknap Next Week: Griffin Belknap

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00): Dec 19 103
Live Views 9
Total Online Views 28
Sunday School 68

Last Week's Offering: \$14,626.00
Online Giving: \$850.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving: \$425,639.00

Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving \$350,886.00 (+74,753.00)



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

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- MTW Missionary of the Month: Carl and Becky Chaplin
- Ministry of the Month: French Camp
- Shepherding Group of the Week: Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers, Eric Napier
- Child(ren) of the Week: Sam and John Palmer Word
- College Student of the Week: Jesse Dickey
- God would bless us with new conversions, visitors, families, & members.



- **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): had surgery on December 21st; everything went well and she is recovering.
- **Jimmy LeEarl** (Steve Hill's Dad): Steve Hill, a former asst. pastor of BPC, and missionary to Peru that we supported for years, had his father pass away last Monday. Please remember Steve and his family in prayer.
- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke; is doing a little better; getting stronger. Planning on going to Methodist rehab soon.
- Bill Glover: is still experiencing pain; he will see a GI in January 2022.
- James Callicutt (Ranita's son): recently had a liver transplant; continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Cindy Vredeveld (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.
- 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 Vredeveld** (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 reach 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

Christmas Greetings from Clay & Darlene Quarterman are on the bulletin board.