

# Brandon Presbyterian Church

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## Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, February 13, 2022

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

### Meditation

JOB 13:15

"Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face."

### Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

"I Call on Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" - Telemann

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship \*

ISAIAH 51:4-6

Leader: "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

**People: My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

**People: For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;**

Leader: But my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 529

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**1** Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down: fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.  
**2** Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.  
**3** Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.  
**4** Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

### Invocation \*

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup> 173

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

(piano, Marsha)

**1** Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! hail him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

#### Refrain:

Praise him! praise him! tell of his excellent greatness; Praise him! praise him! ever in joyful song!

**2** Praise him! praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered and bled and died; he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! hail him! Jesus, the Crucified. Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:

#### Refrain]

**3** Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever; crown him! crown him! Prophet and Priest and King! Christ is coming! over the world victorious, pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

#### [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

JACQUELYN THORNELL

"Offertory on "Bangor"" - Davidson

## 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.*

## Anthem

ADULT CHOIR

"If You Love Me"

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

## Reading of Holy Scripture

2 KINGS 4:8-37

<sup>8</sup> One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. <sup>9</sup> She said to her husband, "I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. <sup>10</sup> Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us." <sup>11</sup> One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. <sup>12</sup> He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. <sup>13</sup> Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I have a home among my own people." <sup>14</sup> "What can be done for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old." <sup>15</sup> Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. <sup>16</sup> "About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." "No, my lord!" she objected. "Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!" <sup>17</sup> But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her. <sup>18</sup> The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup> He said to his father, "My head! My head!" His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." <sup>20</sup> After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. <sup>21</sup> She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. <sup>22</sup> She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return." <sup>23</sup> "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "That's all right," she said. <sup>24</sup> She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." <sup>25</sup> So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! <sup>26</sup> Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'" "Everything is all right," she said. <sup>27</sup> When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." <sup>28</sup> "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'" <sup>29</sup> Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet

anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face." <sup>30</sup> But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. <sup>31</sup> Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened." <sup>32</sup> When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. <sup>33</sup> He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup> Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. <sup>35</sup> Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. <sup>36</sup> Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." <sup>37</sup> She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

Sermon DR. JOHN K. DAWSON  
"Faith For When God 'Fails' Us"

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup> 638  
"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me"

1 Savior, thy dying love thou gavest me, nor should I aught withhold,  
dear Lord, from thee: in love my soul would bow, my heart fulfil its  
vow, some off'ring bring thee now, something for thee.

2 O'er the blest mercy seat, pleading for me, upward in faith I look,  
Jesus, to thee: help me the cross to bear, thy wondrous love declare,  
some song to raise, or prayer, something for thee.

3 Give me a faithful heart, guided by thee, that each departing day  
henceforth may see some work of love begun, some deed of kindness  
done, some wand'rer sought and won, something for thee.

4 All that I am and have—thy gifts so free—ever in joy or grief, my  
Lord, for thee; and when thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be,  
through all eternity, offered to thee.

Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Jo Stanford in memory of her husband, Thomas.

## Sermon Notes

2 Kings 4:8-37

"Faith For When God 'Fails' Us"

- I. Remember There's No Guarantee This Side of Glory
- II. Cling to God Even When He Confounds You
- III. Know It Ain't Over Till the Lord Says It's Over

## Announcements

**Missions Committee:** The Missions Committee will meet next Sunday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.

**Adult Choir:** The Adult Choir meets at 4:30-5:20 in the sanctuary on Sunday Evenings.

**Sunday Night:** The adults and children will meet Sunday evenings thru March 6 from 5:30 - 6:50 PM to learn about Studying the Bible.

**BELL RINGERS: Today:** Lawson Hoge **Next Week:** Lisa Watson

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Feb 6	106
Live Views		12
Total Online Views		21
Sunday School		69
Last Week's Offering:		\$7,779.00
Online Giving:		\$525.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,650.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$46,138.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$45,900.00 (+\$238.00)

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### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** David White (MTW Support)
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Gary Morrison, John Thompson
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Rhett and Antley Grace Eastland
- **College Student of the Week:** Jesse Dickey
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **David Anderson** (Kerri Matthew's uncle): had surgery Thursday at Houston Methodist Hospital to remove his brain tumor; surgery went well and they began gene therapy. He will be in ICU for several days.
- **Jimmy Lathem** (Skip Lathem's brother): is in CCU at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian with complications from Covid.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): has been diagnosed with cardiac sarcoidosis. He's being treated with steroids and other medications to help reduce inflammation.
- **John Mark Whitney** (Barth Whitney's brother): recently had a stroke. He was also diagnosed with diabetes and congestive heart failure. Please keep him in your prayers.
- **Russ Akers** (Karen's "father" at French Camp): recently passed away. He was a "father" to many, many girls at French Camp. Please remember Karen and the French Camp family in your prayers.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): is receiving treatment for leukemia at Blair Batson hospital. Please keep Ames and his family in your prayers.
- **James Callicutt** (Ranita's son): recovering from recent liver transplant; continue prayers.
- **Stephanie Daniels** (Noel Daniels's wife): had a stroke; at Wisteria; continue prayers.
- **Bill Glover:** Doctors have been unable to pinpoint the origin of his ongoing pain.
- **Joy Kemp** (Dotsy Peel's daughter): had surgery on December 21<sup>st</sup>; everything went well and she is recovering.
- **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.
- **Danny Fillingner** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

### *Loved ones battling cancer:*

- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Jan. He had a good cancer clinic visit on Jan. 10; all blood counts were good. Nex checkup and Cat scan in May. He also has severe sleep apnea and Avascular Necrosis in his ankles & knees. Thank you for your continued prayers.
  - **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): his latest scan at MDA showed that his cancer remains stable. Praise to God! Since he is at the end of the line with standard DSRCT protocols, he is going to have to move to more experimental drugs. There is a trial available that he is eligible for... not specifically for DSRCT, but it does target the NTRK gene fusion. His cancer translocation signals the NTRK and the drug on trial blocks the NTRK. His doctor say that this drug has the potential to help him. Insurance approval should come in the next 2 weeks, so he should be able to start the trial soon after. The plan is for him to participate in the trial in Nashville. Please pray for all logistics to work out smoothly if it is God's will for Andrew to participate in this trial.
  - **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.
  - **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking.
  - **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)
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- **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:** Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

**Ames Lee:** We are starting a fund to help the Lee family as little Ames battles leukemia. If you'd like to contribute, you can earmark your donation to the "Ames Lee Fund," e.g., by writing it in the memo line of a check payable to Brandon Presbyterian Church. All gifts will be tax deductible.