

THIS WEEK @ BPC

**TODAY**  
 9:00 AM Sunday School  
 9:55 AM Worship Service  
 4:45 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Children's & Youth Meal & Activities, Adult Bible Study

**TUESDAY**  
 6:00 PM Thanksgiving Service

**THURSDAY & FRIDAY**  
 Church Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Fall Sunday School Class:** facilitated by Skip Lathem is a study based on Dr. R. C. Sproul's book – *Loved by God*. With Dr. Sproul as our guide, we will discover the threefold nature of God's love: His electing *benevolence*, His redeeming *beneficence*, and His rewarding *complacency*.

**Adult Choir:** will meet at 4:45-5:30 PM on Sunday evenings.

**Adult Book Study:** Sunday nights 5:30-7:00 PM. The adults are studying *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I* by Timothy Keller. Nate Inman is leading.

**Thanksgiving Service:** Please join us for a Thanksgiving Worship Service this Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM; which will include an offering for the Deacon's Samaritan Fund. The Nursery will not be available.

**Ladies Weekly Bible Study:** will not meet this Wednesday.

**Evening Worship:** Sunday Night Service will begin on December 3 at 6:00 PM.

**Women's Christmas Gathering,** Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invitation/registration envelopes are located at the entrances to the church, in the breezeway, and outside the Adult SS room.

**New Officer Elections:** We will open up nominations for the office of deacon and elder in December. Jackie, Walt, and Gary will become emeritus when we elect new officers next August. Please be in prayer for the potential candidates.

**Our Daily Bread:** Pick up your copy of the Dec.-Feb. issue in the breezeway.

**Mission Trip:** Thanks so much for supporting me for my mission trip! My support has been raised. I am so excited to serve and share the Gospel in Peru! I am thankful for my church family and your continued support! Please continue to pray for the team as we will leave December 29th to head to Peru. Ainslie

**Men's Ministry Team:** Please see Andrew Rush if you're interested in serving on the Men's Ministry Team.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

**Sunday Night:** Children's Sunday Evening Program is from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The 2 yr. olds - K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are studying the Parables of Jesus. The 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders are reading *Pilgrim's Progress* and will discuss gospel truths and the work of Christ in the life of a believer.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Griffin Belknap      **Next Week:** Hayes Hoge  
**Nursery:** Cecile Whitten (SS), Carrie Mills (WS)/ Ellie Word  
**Next Week:** Cecile Whitten (SS), Caitlin Mills (WS)/Amy Kaiser  
**November:** Cecile Whitten      **December:** All Coordinators

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**November:** Joseph and Cathy Costello      **December:** Susan Inman

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Jr. and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.  
**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group meets Sunday nights at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes

"The Making of a Martyr "  
 Daniel 6:1-15

STAFF

**Brad Mills** - Pastor: brad@brandonpres.com  
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OFFICERS

**Elders:** RE Scotty Dickey, RE Walt Herrington, RE Gary Morrison, RE Jim Neill, RE Jackie Thompson, RE Nat Whitten

**Deacons:** Chris Groebe, Nate Inman, Eric Napier, Andrew Rush, Brian Smith, Luther Stowers, John Thompson, Darrin Tolar

**Officers Emeritus:**  
*Elders:* Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †  
*Deacons:* John McInnis †, Ken Bramlett †, Edsel Parks †, Richard Harrison

Women's Ministry

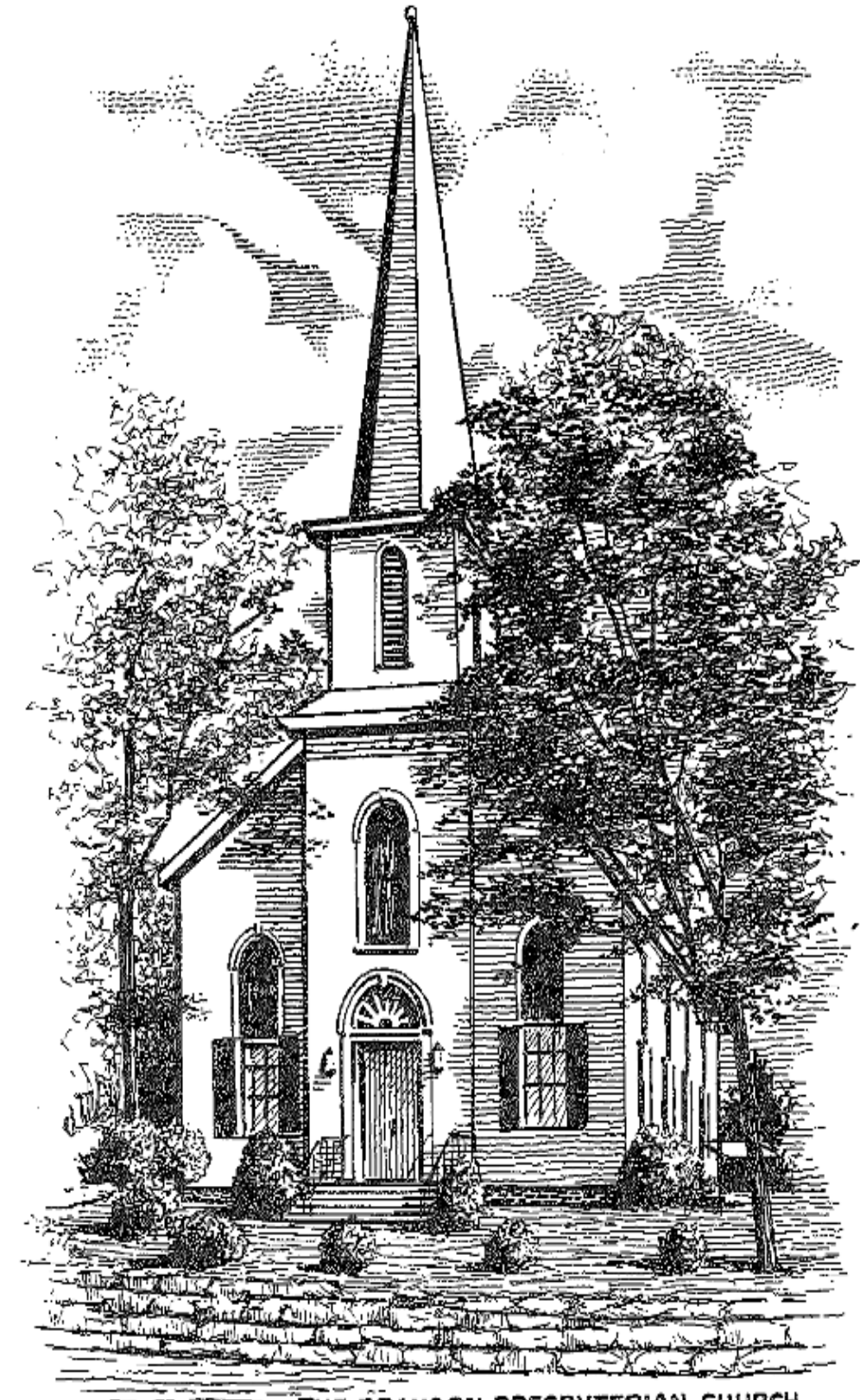
Dickey Shepherding Group: Angela McInnis, Ruth Lathem  
 Herrington Shepherding Group: Camille Herrington, Jo Stanford  
 Morrison Shepherding Group: Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison,  
 Neill Shepherding Group: Melinda Neill, Becky Inman  
 Thompson Shepherding Group: Mary Thompson, Jeanne Monsour  
 Whitten Shepherding Group: Julie Huddleston, Elizabeth Pinkerton  
 Flower Coordinator - Sonia Jay: esjay@att.net

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

**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 an usher at the end of the service. Let an usher know if you have any questions.



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

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, November 19, 2023

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

Meditation HEBREWS 4:15-16

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST  
“Te Deum Laudamus” - Buxtehude

Call to Worship \* PSALM 116:1-2; MICAH 7:7

Pastor: The Lord has heard your voice and your pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to you, call on him as long as you live.

**People: As for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.**

Invocation PSALM 86:6, 15-16

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 116

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Confession of Faith / Catechesis

*Second Helvetic Confession XVII. Of the Catholic and Holy Church of God, and of the One Only Head of the Church (Part 8)*

However, by doing away with a Roman head we do not bring any confusion or disorder into the Church, since we teach that the government of the Church which the apostles handed down is sufficient to keep the Church in proper order, the Church was not disordered or in confusion. The Roman head does indeed preserve his tyranny and the corruption that has been brought into the Church, and meanwhile he hinders, resists, and with all the strength he can muster cuts off the proper reformation of the Church.

[Note: This confession was written in 1566 when the tensions between Reformed ministers and Roman Catholics were near their pinnacle. This confession clarifies that rejecting the Roman Catholic Pope does not bring disorder; rather, it removes a corrupt practice that has continued to hinder “the proper reformation of the Church.”]

Confession of Sin PSALM 51:5

“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Assurance of Pardon COLOSSIANS 1:14

“In [Christ] we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Hymn of Praise \* N<sup>o</sup>. 32

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Pastoral Prayer WALT HERRINGTON

God's Tithes & Our Offerings MATTHEW 6:2-4

“When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.”

Offertory JACQUELYN THORNELL

“My Jesus I Love Thee” - Gordon/Smith

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving JOHN THOMPSON

Anthem ADULT CHOIR

"Give Thanks"

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGES 630-631

Daniel 6:1-15

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS

“The Making of a Martyr”

Hymn of Response \* N<sup>o</sup>579

“Dare to Be a Daniel!”

Benediction JUDE 20-21

“May the Lord build up your most holy faith and prayer, in the love of God, as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

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.

\*Congregation Standing

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10:00): Nov 12	145
Live Views: (10:00 AM)	3
Total Online views:	57
Sunday School:	99
Last Week's Offering:	\$ 7,696.00
Online Giving:	\$ 3,245.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:	\$ 8,345.00
Year-to-Date Giving:	\$399,510.00 (+15,640.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:	\$383,870.00

## IN PRAYER

- **Ministry of the Month:** Lifeline
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jackie Thompson, Chris Groebe
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Griffin, William, and Graham Belknap
- **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

## Weddings and Babies:

- **Eli Whitten and Eliot Jones:** to be married June 15, 2024
- **Cortney Greer:** expecting a girl January 6, 2024
- **Megan Stowers:** expecting a girl January 23, 2024
- **Savannah Brewer:** expecting a girl March 17, 2024

- **Bill Glover:** will have a Bronchoscopy on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> to try to determine what is causing fluid in his lungs and wheezing amongst other pulmonary issues.
- **Rev. Earl Adams:** had cornea transplant surgery; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 20 yr. old nephew): is at home in Meridian. Please pray for his recovery to continue.
- **Charlie Moak:** dealing with medical issues; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with several chronic illnesses.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): continues to do well. Will continue to wear a heart monitor and take medication for his heart indefinitely.

## Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Trent Atkinson** (Sue Bohnen's son): will be undergoing chemo and radiation treatments beginning the end of this month. Please pray the treatments will be effective.
- **Dick Cauthen** (friend of Brian and Kerri Matthews): recently completed chemo and got a good report from his oncologist this week. Will have a PET scan in January.
- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath's 21 year old neighbor): diagnosed with brain cancer. His MRI results showed that he is stable; his tumor has not grown. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; June 1st we received news that Ames had relapsed. Ames is taking two different oral chemo pills. Pray that the Lord will help us and guide us to the right decision for Ames.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): had his annual check up. He has gone five years without a relapse and is now classified as cured.
- **Marilyn Blakeney** (Chris Blakeney's Mom): continues to do well; will continue with periodic visits to her doctor.
- **Jim Smith:** Jim's scan was stable. We are so grateful to God for His mercies. We are over 5 1/2 years out now from his cancer surgery.
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): Continues chemo to control his cancer.

- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Laverne Roberts

- **Service members:** Baylor Griggs, Fort Lejeune, NC, Infantry training (Scott Word's nephew); Matthew Hellier, CA; Glenn Stewart, Fort Campbell (Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew); Laurel and Aaron Arnold, (Jeff & Lisa Bynum's daughter and son-in-law)

To livestream the service go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGmzy521B7L2DpJAATtzGHA>

Hit the “Subscribe” button and then turn on “Notifications” by clicking on the bell. If you have trouble subscribing to the livestream contact Darrin Tolar via text message at (601) 720-1157 and he will respond ASAP.

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