

THIS WEEK @ BPC

**TODAY**  
 9:00 AM Sunday School  
 9:55 AM Worship Service  
 5:30 PM Cantata Followed by Reception in the Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY**  
 6:30 PM Neighborhood Caroling

**FRIDAY**  
 Church Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School - Winter Quarter:** This quarter Walt Herrington is leading a study called *Facing the Final Enemy: the Christian and Death*. It will be based primarily on a Guy Waters course & book of the same name. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

**Adult Choir:** rehearsal tonight from 4:45 PM-5:50 PM; this Saturday from 8:30-10:00 AM.

**Christmas Cantata & Reception:** Please join us tonight at 5:30 PM for our Christmas Cantata. Following the Cantata there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking the members of the congregation to provide a sweet or savory "finger food" for the occasion. Please, bring your plated food (ready to be served) to the Fellowship Hall before the Cantata and someone will be there to receive it. The reception is honoring Jacquelyn Thornell, our retiring organist and our BPC Choir Director, Marsha Glover and the BPC Choir Members. We would like them to know how much we appreciate their contribution to our Worship Service.

**Caroling:** The Fellowship Committee will sponsor caroling this Wednesday and invites everyone to come and sing. We will meet at the church at 6:30 and carol in the neighborhoods around the church.

**New Officer Elections:** This month we are taking Officer nominations for deacon and elder. Nomination forms are in the church office. (After filling it out, place it in the box marked nominations; which is also in the church office.)

After years of faithful service for which we are deeply grateful, Jackie Thompson, Walt Herrington, and Gary Morrison have decided to assume emeritus status once the new officers are elected in August 2024. Please join us in thanking the Lord for these men. And please prayerfully consider who you might want to nominate for these important offices.

**Christmas Special Offering:** During the Christmas Eve service we will take an offering for the PCA Ministerial Relief called look/after. It's purpose is to look after retired pastors, widows, and other PCA church servants in need.

**Christmas Cards:** We have received several Christmas cards from our Missionaries and Ministry partners; they are posted on the bulletin board.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Classes for 2 years - 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.  
**Wednesday Night:** Children's activities will resume Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM. The Children will be studying the catechism.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Bell Ringer:** Lara May Inman **Next Week:** Lawson Hoge  
**Nursery:** Scotty & Nancilynn Dickey (SS), Caitlin Mills, Cecile Whitten (WS)  
**PM:** Gray Ouzts, Susan Inman **Next Week:** No SS; Rebecca Thompson/Amy (WS)  
**PM:** No nursery; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
**December:** All Coordinators **January:** Davida Curtis  
 CHILDREN'S CHURCH  
**December:** Susan Inman **January:**

YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School:** Jr. and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.  
**Youth Fellowship:** Youth Group resumes meeting on Wed., January 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Sermon Notes  
 "The End of the Matter"  
 Daniel 7:19-28

STAFF

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**Barbara Sanchez** - Secretary: secretary@brandonpres.com

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:

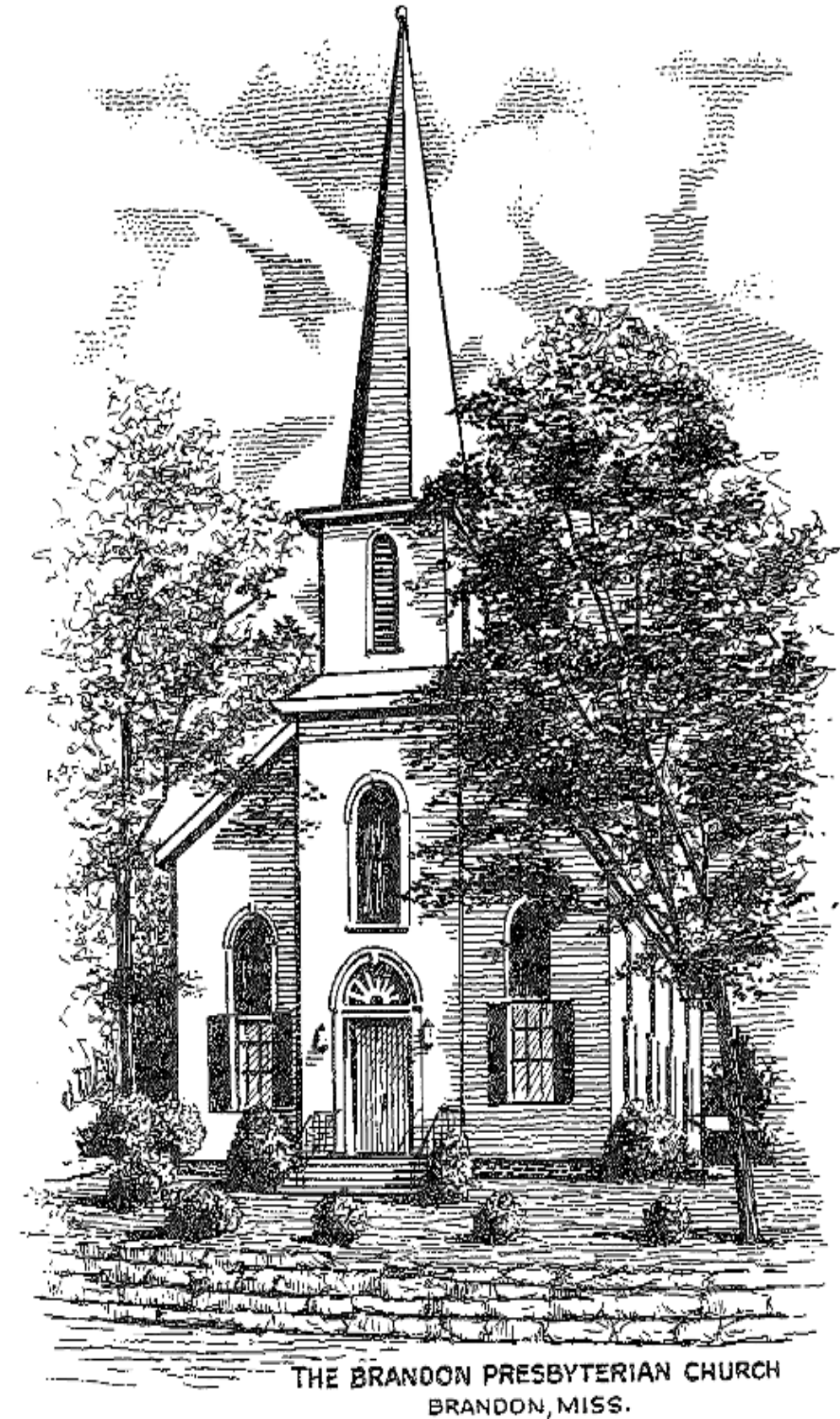
**Elders:** Charlie Moak, Elton Jay, Jim McBrayer †  
**Deacons:** John McInnis †, Ken Bramlett †, Edsel Parks †, Richard Harrison

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.

<b>To Our Visitors</b>	<p><b>We are pleased to have you worship with us.</b>                  Our church doors are open as wide as the Gospel:  <i>"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"</i> Romans 10:13</p>
	<p>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.</p>



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

# Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 17, 2023

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

## Meditation

CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

“We preach not one advent only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the former. For the former gave a view of His patience; but the latter brings with it the crown of a divine kingdom. For all things, for the most part, are twofold in our Lord Jesus Christ: a twofold generation; one, of God, before the ages; and one, of a virgin, at the close of the ages: His descents twofold; one, the unobserved, like rain on a fleece; and a second His open coming, which is to be. In His former advent, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger; in His second, He covers Himself with light as with a garment. In His first coming, He endured the Cross, despising shame; in His second, He comes attended by a host of Angels, receiving glory. We rest not then upon His first advent only, but look also for His second. And as at His first coming we said, “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord,” so will we repeat the same at His second coming; that when with Angels we meet our Master, we may worship Him and say, “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.” The Savior comes, not to be judged again, but to judge them who judged Him; He who before held His peace when judged, shall remind the transgressors who did those daring deeds at the Cross, and shall say, These things have you done, and I kept silence. Then, He came because of a divine dispensation, teaching men with persuasion; but this time they will of necessity have Him for their King, even though they wish it not.”

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude/Preparation for Worship

JACQUELYN THORNELL, ORGANIST

“Toccata in E Minor” - Pachelbel

### Call to Worship \*

ISAIAH 25:9

Pastor: “It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

**People: This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”**

### Invocation

PSALM 80:19

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 218

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

### New Members and Baptism

REV. BRAD MILLS

Patrick and Amelia Carpenter  
Joseph, Adelaide, and Thomas Carpenter

### Hymn of Praise \*

N<sup>o</sup>. 229

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

### Pastoral Prayer

JACKIE THOMPSON

### God's Tithes & Our Offerings

MALACHI 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and test me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

### Offertory

JACQUELYN THORNELL

“Noel Angevin” - Franck

### 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

REV. BRAD MILLS

### Anthem

ADULT CHOIR

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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

### Reading of Holy Scripture

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*Daniel 7:19-28*

### Sermon

REV. BRAD MILLS

“The End of the Matter”

### Hymn of Response \*

N<sup>o</sup>226

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

### Benediction

PSALM 72:11

“Go, dwell on his love by sweetest song, and crown His head with multitudes of praises. Till all kings bow down to him and all nations serve Him.”

### 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 AM/6 PM): Dec. 10 149/90

Live Views: (10 AM/6 PM) 7/2

Total Online views: 43/26

Sunday School: 98

Last Week's Offering: \$ 10,724.00

Online Giving: \$ 3,245.00

Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 8,345.00

Year-to-Date Giving: \$433,276.00 (+16,026.00)

Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$417,250.00

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

### IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten/RUF
- **Ministry of the Month:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith, and Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jonathan Dickey
- **College Student of the Week:** Madelyn Mills
- 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

- **Ken Pinkerton:** had successful Gallbladder surgery; is home recuperating.
- **Elton Jay:** is in an ICU room and is beginning to show improvement. So thankful for all your prayers.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): has seen his cardiologist. He is very weak and will continue treatment for a very rare heart condition. We appreciate all 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.

### Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Jim Smith:** is now 6+ years out from his pancreatic cancer surgery. His next scan is December 19. We praise God for His many mercies and blessings to us.
- **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.
- **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)

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