

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
9:55 AM Worship Service
4:45 PM Adult Choir
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

6:30 PM Ladies' Christmas Gathering

FRIDAY

5:30 PM Pre-Parade Fellowship

SATURDAY

8:30 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Class: Ray Shores is teaching from *Saints and Scoundrels*. In this series we will cover the major friends and foes of the doctrine of the trinity and the two natures of Christ. You will learn the history and refutation of false views about God.

Ladies' Christmas Gathering: will be this Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM. A love offering will be taken for *Women's Ministry International*.

Pre-Parade Fellowship: The Missions Team will be hosting a pre-parade Fellowship at the church this Friday, December 13th, at 5:30 pm. Everyone should invite their friends and bring soup, chili or dessert. The missions team will provide the "fixings" (crackers, cheese, sour cream, etc.). The Brandon Christmas Parade will start at 7:00 PM.

Adult Choir: rehearsal this Saturday, December 14th from 8:30-10:00 AM.

Adult Ugly Sweater Christmas Party: Saturday, December 14th from 4pm-7pm. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a side/appetizer or dessert to share. If you'd like to participate in Dirty Santa, bring a \$20 wrapped gift. Any questions, see John Thompson.

Christmas Cantata: Please join us next Sunday at 6:00 PM for our Christmas Cantata.

Christmas Cantata Reception: 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 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.

Christmas Caroling: Dec. 19th at 6:00PM at the Eastland Home. Enjoy the warm fire pit and refreshments afterward. Any questions, please see Molly Eastland.

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Classes for 2 years - 6th grade meet each Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Wednesday Night: The children (3 year olds - 6th) will be studying the catechism from January 8th - March 26. The 3, 4, & 5 year olds will study questions 1-13 of the Children's Catechism with Susan Inman and Sue Bohnen. The 1st - 3rd will be learning about and memorizing questions 1 - 54 of the Children's Catechism with Scotty and Nancilynn Dickey. The 4th - 6th will begin the Shorter Catechism and will study the first 16 questions with Nate Inman and Christ Groebe.

SERVING SUNDAY

Bell Ringer: Knox Shores **Next Week:** Lara May Inman
Nursery: Savannah Brewer (SS), Carrie Mills (WS)/Amy Kaiser **Evening Service:** Molly Eastland, Trasiy Shores **Next Sunday:** Carrie Mills, Savannah Brewer (SS), Caitlin Mills, Emily Lee (WS), **Evening Service:** Trasiy Shores, Rebecca Thompson
December: All Coordinators **January:**
Children's Church: Chris & Chauncey Blakeney **Next week:** Daniel & Cortney Greer

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Jr and Sr. High classes meet upstairs at 9:00 AM every Sunday.
Youth Fellowship: Youth Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 PM. Youth Christmas Party is Wednesday, Dec. 18th 5:30-8:00 PM.

Sermon Notes

"Offspring of a Virgin's Womb"
Matthew 1:18-25

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Deacons - Richard Bohnen, Alex Dupree, Chris Groebe, Nate Inman, Ryan Lee, Eric Napier, Andrew Ouzts, Andrew Rush, Luther Stowers, Darrin Tolar, Matthew Warren

OFFICERS EMERITUS

Elders - Walt Herrington, Gary Morrison, Jackie Thompson
Deacons - John McInnis †, Richard Harrison

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

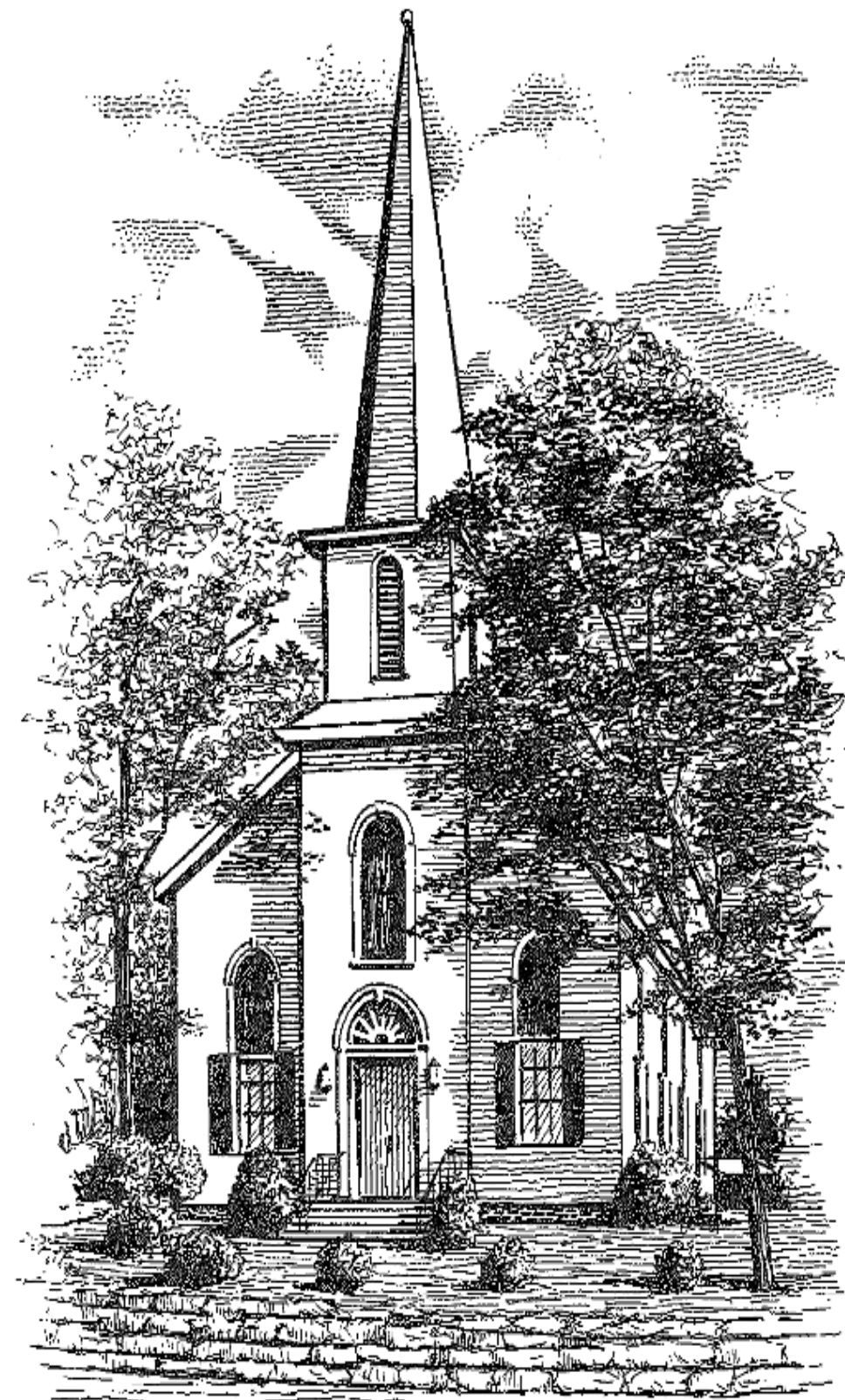
Leadership Team - Nancilynn Dickey, Julie Huddleston, Becky Inman, Kerri Matthews, Carole Morrison, Jeanne Monsour, Melinda Neill, Elizabeth Pinkerton, Jo Stanford, Mary Thompson
Flower Coordinators - Deanna Rush & Gray Ouzts

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 Pastor Mills at the end of the service. Let an usher or Pastor Mills know if you have any questions.



THE BRANDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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"The Church's One Foundation
Is Jesus Christ, Her Lord..."

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 8, 2024

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

Meditation GEORGE HERBERT
In Christ two natures met to be your cure.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude/Preparation for Worship KATE INMAN, PIANO
"He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child" arr. Dennis Alexander

Call to Worship * JOHN 1:14
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Saints of God, exalt the name of the Lord, praise the salvation of the Lord, and offer him your true worship.

Invocation * PSALM 40:1

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 207
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Confession of Faith *Athanasian Creed, Part 1*
Whoever desires to be saved should above all hold to the catholic faith. Anyone who does not keep it whole and unbroken will doubtless perish eternally. Now this is the catholic faith: that we worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated; the Son is uncreated; the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable; the Son is immeasurable; the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal; the Son is eternal; the Holy Spirit is eternal. So too there are not three eternal beings, there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being. Similarly, the Father is Almighty; the Son is Almighty; the Spirit is Almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings, there is but one almighty being. Thus, the Father is God, the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord. Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

Confession of Sin AUGUSTINE
O Lord my God, light of the blind, and strength of the weak; yes, also light of those that see, and strength of the strong—hearken unto my soul, and hear it crying out of the depths. Woe is me!...Lord, help us to turn and seek you; for not as we have forsaken our Creator have you forsaken your creation. Let us turn and seek you, for we know you are here in our heart, when we confess to you, when we cast ourselves upon you, and weep in your bosom, after all our rugged ways; and you gently wipe away our tears,

and we weep the more for joy; because you, Lord—not man of flesh and blood—but you, Lord, who made us, remake and comfort us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1TIMOTHY 1:15-17
The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise * N^o. 200
"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Pastoral Prayer JOHN THOMPSON

God's Tithes & Our Offerings MATTHEW 10:8B
Freely you received, freely give.

Offertory LAKEN CURTIS, TROMBONE, MARSHA GLOVER, PIANO
"Christmas Medley" arr. Gary Lanier

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

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

Reading of Holy Scripture PAGE 807
Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS
"Offspring of a Virgin's Womb"

Hymn of Response * N^o. 203
"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Benediction LUKE 2:29-32
Depart in peace, according to God's Word, for your eyes have seen the salvation that he has prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to his people Israel.

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.

*Congregation Standing

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM):	Dec. 1	147/58
Live Views:		9/8
Total Online views:		49/27
Sunday School:		85
Last Week's Offering:		\$ 6,877.00
Online Giving :		\$ 1,254.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 9,390.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$454,773.00 (+4,083.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving:		\$450,690.00

IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten Jones (RUF)
- **Ministries of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Alex Dupree, Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Sarah Costello
- **College Student of the Week:** Ryan Groebe
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**

• **BPC Children's Ministry:** Please pray for our children to realize they are sinners that need Christ's redemptive work. Pray that they seek after Christ, honor their parents and stay healthy and safe. Pray for our parents that they will lead our children to Christ by their words and example. Pray that God will provide Sunday School teachers.

- **Mike Langley** (Claire Langley's father-in-law): diagnosed with blood clots in his lungs originating from his leg; on oral blood thinners for three months then follow up with the pulmonologist. Please pray for his recovery and peace for the family.
- **Cathy & Sarah Costello:** in an auto accident but uninjured. The Costello family is thanking the Lord for his protection and asking for his mercy toward the troubled young man who was also involved.
- **Susan Costello** (Joe Costello's mother): recovering from a broken hip.
- **Beeg Ford:** recovering from a fractured vertebra; now living at Villa South Assisted Living in Florence.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): continues treatment for a very rare heart condition. Thank you for all your prayers.
- **Hays Monsour** (Jeanne Monsour's 21 yr. old nephew): at home in Meridian. Please pray for his recovery to continue.
- **Tina Tolar:** dealing with several chronic illnesses.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Laura Smith** (Kerri Matthew's friend): glioblastoma (brain cancer), stage 4. She had surgery Oct. 25; taking oral chemo and radiation. Please keep Laura and her family in your prayers.
- **Donna Smith** (Amelia Carpenter's Aunt): received new cancer diagnosis. To discuss treatment options soon.
- **Nancy Collum** (Tina Tolar's mother): early stage carcinoma; had surgery on December 2nd.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; +258 days post transplant. Has appointment at St. Jude's tomorrow; please pray his liver enzymes will be stable or decreased and not trending up, he doesn't suffer from long term complications from the transplant, and he will remain cancer free.
- **Myles Hester** (Scott Word's 8 yr. old cousin): diagnosed with leukemia; he is at St. Jude.
- **Jim Smith:** In October, we celebrated 7 years cancer free; next scan Dec. 12th.
- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath's 21 year old neighbor): brain cancer. October MRI was good; still stable; will continue taking chemo pills and have another MRI in Feb. His family thanks you for your continued prayers.
- **Bill Inman:** started his cancer treatments August 28th; treatments may last six to eight months.
- **Bill Monsour** (Hays Monsour's grandfather): Continues chemo to control his cancer.
- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Joe Berryhill, Evelyn Culpepper, Jody Nelson, Lois Carman, Beeg Ford, Mary Ruth Ruffin, Dotsy Peel
- **Service members:** Baylor Griggs, Japan (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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