

THIS WEEK @ BPC

TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School
9:55 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

WEDNESDAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS! (Office closed through Friday)

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.

No Choir Rehearsals: There will be no choir rehearsals on Dec. 22nd, 29th, or Jan. 5th. The choir will be on Christmas break and will not fill the choir loft on these Sundays.

Candlelight Service: We hope you will join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, this Tuesday, at 6:00 p.m. During this 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. Envelopes for this offering are included in this bulletin.

2024 Giving: Any contributions you would like to have credited to your 2024 giving statement must be postmarked, given online, or delivered to the church before Jan 1st, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Luther via email: luther@brandonpres.com or (601) 209-0231.

Communion: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Jan. 5, 2025. Please prepare your hearts to receive it.

Christmas Cards: Received Christmas cards are posted on the bulletin board.

Flower Calendar: The 2024 flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. 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.

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: Nolan Blakeney **Next Week:** Parker Lee
Nursery: Graz Ouzts (SS), JP Word (WS)/Amy Kaiser **Evening Service:** Gray Ouzts, Rebecca Thompson **Christmas Eve Service:** Rebecca Thompson, Gray Ouzts
Next Sunday: (SS), Cortney Greer, Lily Smith (WS)
Evening Service: Rebecca Thompson
December: All Coordinators **January:** Cecile Whitten
Children's Church: Susan & Jack Inman **Next week:** Becky Inman, Jude Smith

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.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM): Dec. 15 148/136
Live Views: 6/10
Total Online views: 35/46
Sunday School: 121
Last Week's Offering: \$ 19,724.00
Online Giving: \$ 3,356.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 9,390.00
Year-to-Date Giving: \$485,303.00 (+15,833.00)
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$469,470.00

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OFFICERS

Elders - Scotty Dickey, Thomas Eastland, Brad Mills, Brian Smith, John Thompson, Jim Neill, Nat Whitten

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 livestream the service go to:

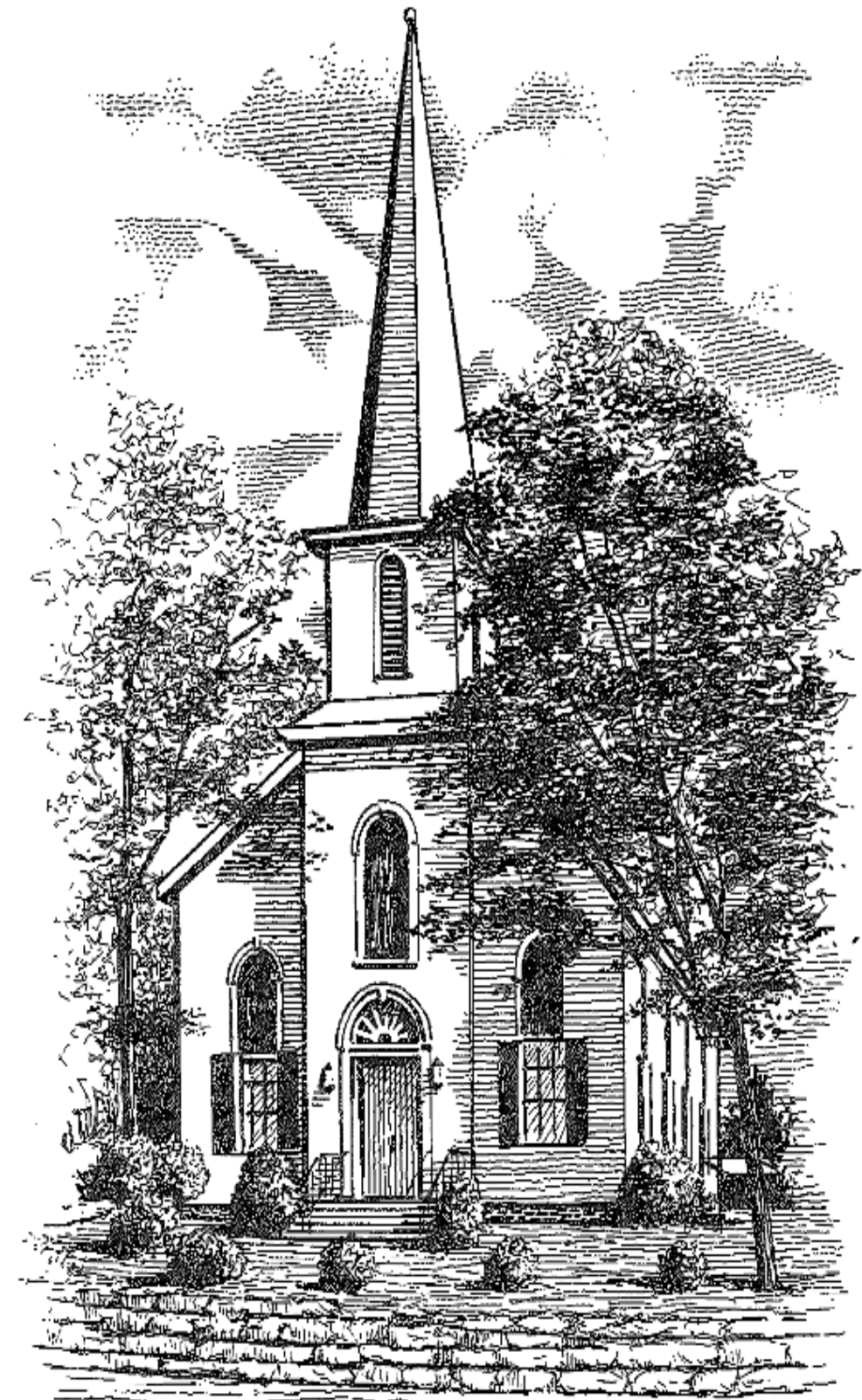
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Hit the "Subscribe" button and then turn on "Notifications" by clicking on the bell. If you have trouble subscribing to the livestream contact Darrin Tolar via text message at (601) 720-1157 and he will respond ASAP.

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.



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

Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, December 22, 2024

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

Meditation CHARLES LAMB

If Shakespeare walked into this room right now, we would all rise to greet him...But if Jesus Christ came in, we would all fall down and worship Him!

Prelude "The Shepherd's Flute" with "Little Drummer Boy" JOEL OUZTS

Call to Worship * ISAIAH 12:1-2

Pastor: You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

People: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Invocation * PSALM 84:10

Hymn of Praise * "As with Gladness Men of Old" N^o. 226

Confession of Faith *Athanasian Creed, Part 3*

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...But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully. Now this is the true faith: that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man, equally. He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and he is man from the essence of his mother, born in time; completely God, completely man, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity. Although he is God and man, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. For just as one man is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and man.

Confession of Sin HULDRYCH ZWINGLI

Almighty, eternal God! Forgive us our sin and lead us to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon JONAH 2:7-9

When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!

Hymn of Praise * "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" N^o. 223

Pastoral Prayer SCOTTY DICKEY

God's Tithes & Our Offerings 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Offertory "The First Noel" arr. Dan Forrest JOSH PEOPLES

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.

Special Music "O Holy Night" arr. A. Adam JERRY WATSON

Prayer of Thanksgiving * SCOTTY DICKEY

Sermon REV. BRAD MILLS

"Come, Adore on Bended Knee" (Matthew 2:1-12) PAGE 807-808

Hymn of Response * "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" N^o. 218

Benediction *O Worship the King* by Robert Grant; 2 SAMUEL 22:29

May the God whose robe is light, whose canopy is space, whose mercies are tender and firm to the end, show you such love so that you will say with the psalmist, "You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord turns my darkness into light."

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.



Evening Worship

Meditation GREGORY THE GREAT

In the mystery of His incarnation the only-begotten of the Father increased what was ours, but diminished not what was His.

Prelude "The Carol of the Bells" LAURA INMAN, PIANO

Call to Worship * PSALM 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Invocation * PSALM 33:20-22

Psalm of Praise * NO. 198

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" PSALM 24

Responsive Reading Psalm 130 PAGE 833

Pastoral Prayer BRAD MILLS

Hymn of Praise * "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" NO. 221

Children's Devotional BRAD MILLS

Sermon BRAD MILLS

"The Birth of a Redeemer" (Ruth 4:13-22) PAGE 224

Hymn of Response * "Thou Dost Reign on High" NO. 241

Benediction * ISAIAH 60:19-20

The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Gloria Patri * * Congregation Standing

IN PRAYER

- **Missionary of the Week:** Eli Whitten Jones (RUF)
- **Ministries of the Week:** French Camp
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Jim Neill, Nate Inman, Andrew Ouzts
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Rhett & Antley Grace Eastland
- **College Student of the Week:** Madelyn Mills
- 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): blood clots in his lungs originating from his leg; on oral blood thinners for three months will follow up with the pulmonologist.
- **Susan Costello** (Joe Costello's mother): recovering from a broken hip.
- **Beeg Ford:** recovering from a fractured vertebra.
- **Brady Stewart** (Carol Booth's son-in-law): being treated for a rare heart condition.
- **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:

- **Jim Smith:** had another stable scan Thursday; praising God for his blessings & mercies to us.
- **Ames Lee** (Chad and Wendy Lee's son): leukemia; +272 days post transplant; taking prednisone; had follow up on Dec 16th; liver enzymes stable; started back on anti-rejection meds; signs of mild GVHD. Had a cardiology appointment on Friday & labs. Pray he stays healthy and free of infection, and liver enzymes start trending down. Thank you for your prayers!
- **Laura Smith** (Kerri Matthew's friend): glioblastoma (brain cancer), stage 4. Had surgery Oct. 25; taking oral chemo and radiation.
- **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 Dec. 2nd.
- **Myles Hester** (Scott Word's 8 yr. old cousin): diagnosed with leukemia; at St. Jude.
- **Will Saulter** (Jan Heath's 21 year old neighbor): brain cancer; is stable; continuing chemo pills. Will have another MRI in Feb.
- **Bill Inman:** finished radiation treatments; doctors will study all things, and he will have an appointment in Mid January to see if anything else needs to be done.
- **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)

Weekday	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm
Monday	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tuesday	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wednesday	Genesis 1	Matthew 1	Psalm 1
Thursday	Genesis 2	Matthew 2	Psalm 2:1-6
Friday	Genesis 3	Matthew 3	Psalm 2:7-12
Saturday	Flex Day		
Sunday	Flex Day		