

## THIS WEEK @ BPC

### TODAY

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

### TUESDAY

6:00 AM Men's Morning Book Study

### WEDNESDAY

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** (Office closed)

### SATURDAY

7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Sunday School - Winter Quarter:** Next Sunday Walt Herrington will begin teaching a study titled "The Christian and Finances". We'll discuss how we as Christians should approach how we earn, spend, donate, and save money.

**No Choir Rehearsal:** There will be no choir rehearsal today or Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. The choir will be on Christmas break and will not fill the choir loft on these Sundays.

**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](mailto:luther@brandonpres.com) or (601) 209-0231.

**2025 Offering Envelopes:** Your 2025 Offering Envelopes will be available for pickup on the bookshelf in the breezeway by the first Sunday in January.

**Communion:** Please prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper next Sunday, January 5, 2025.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship :** resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We will have weekly dinners from 5:30-6:30 PM followed by activities for all ages 6:30 -7:30 PM. Meals start at \$5 a person with a \$15 cap for families of three or more. The children and youth will be meeting after supper and there will also be an adult study. Two nursery volunteers will be needed at 6:20 PM each Wednesday.

**Flower Calendar:** The 2025 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 - 6<sup>th</sup> 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:** Parker Lee **Next Week:** Sarah Costello

**Nursery:** Michelle Smith, (SS), Cortney Greer, Lily Smith (WS) **Evening**

**Service:** Rebecca Thompson, **Next Sunday:** John Thompson (SS)

(WS)/Amy Kaiser **Evening Service:**

**December:** All Coordinators **January:** Cecile Whitten

**Children's Church:** Becky Inman, Jude Smith **Next week:** Jim & Lisa Hellier

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

## ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (10 AM/6 PM): Dec. 22 129/44  
Live Views: 10/5  
Total Online views: 36/17  
Sunday School: 81  
Last Week's Offering: \$ 5,796.00  
Online Giving : \$ 3,382.00  
Weekly Budgeted Offering: \$ 9,390.00  
Year-to-Date Giving: \$494,481.00 (+15,621.00)  
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$478,860.00

### STAFF

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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:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGmzy521B7L2DpUAATzGHA>

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.

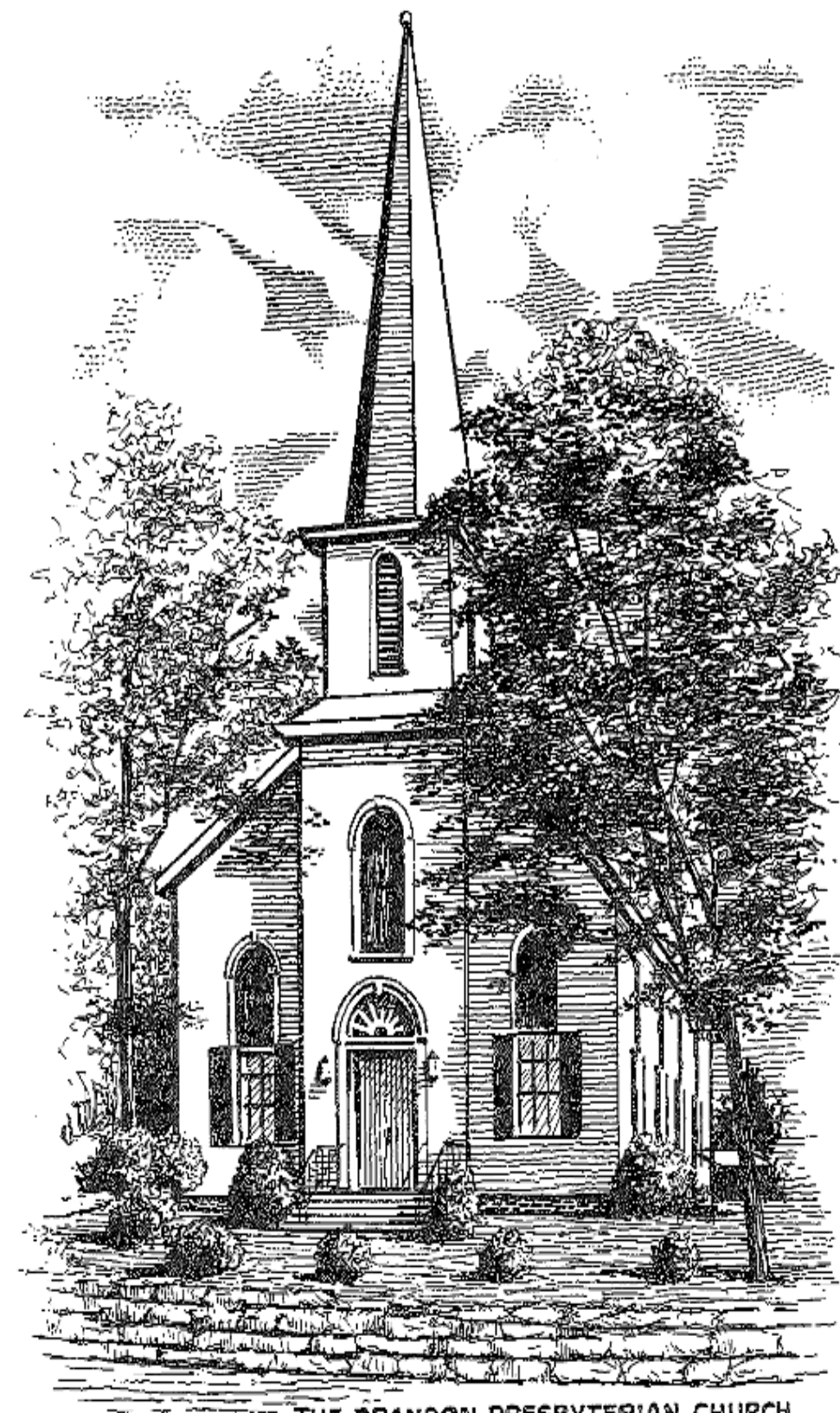
## To Our Visitors

**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 29, 2024

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

**Meditation** AMBROSE  
 Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men.

**Prelude** JOSH PEOPLES

**Call to Worship \*** PSALM 81:1-3  
 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

**Invocation \*** STEVE JUSSELY

**Hymn of Praise \*** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" N<sup>o</sup>. 30

**Confession of Faith** *Athanasian Creed, Part 4*  
 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...He suffered for our salvation; he descended to hell; he arose from the dead on the third day; he ascended to heaven; he is seated at the Father's right hand; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. At his coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith: that one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully.

**Confession of Sin** MARTIN LUTHER

I pray you heartily to look upon me with the eyes of your mercy, as you did look upon the evildoer, who was hanged upon the cross beside you, and did open his heart that he confessed his sins; and he was mightily afraid of them, but yet despaired not, but confessed and desired your grace and mercy which you gave to him willingly and plentifully...Therefore, dear God and merciful Father, will I strengthen myself so much and more, and doubt nothing thereof. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Psalm 32:3-5

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Psalm of Praise \*** "Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord" (PSALM 98) N<sup>o</sup>. 163

**Pastoral Prayer** BRIAN SMITH

**God's Tithes & Our Offerings** 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8  
 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

**Offertory** 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving \*** BRIAN SMITH

**Sermon** REV JAMES JUSSELY

"Christmas is Over. Now What?" (Luke 3:1-20) PAGE 858-859

**Hymn of Response \*** "Fairest Lord Jesus" N<sup>o</sup>. 170

**Benediction** Rev. Steve Jussely

**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** D.A. CARSON

Either worrying drives out prayer, or prayer drives out worrying.

**Prelude** JOSH PEOPLES, PIANIST

**Call to Worship \*** PSALM 113:1-3  
 Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**Invocation \*** REV. STEVE JUSSELY

**Hymn of Praise \*** NO. 98  
 "Now Thank We All Our God"

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 147 PAGE 839-840

**Pastoral Prayer** REV. STEVE JUSSELY

**Psalm of Praise \*** NO. 66  
 "God is Known among His People" (Psalm 76)

**Sermon** Rev. STEVE JUSSELY  
 "What to Do About Worry in 2025" (Matthew 6:25-34) PAGES 811-812

**Hymn of Response \*** NO. 679  
 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

**Benediction \*** REV. STEVE JUSSELY

**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:** Brian Smith, Darrin Tolar, Andrew Rush
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jesse and Emma-Kate Greer
- **College Student of the Week:** Lauren 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.



- **Bill Glover:** will have surgery to insert a biventricular pacemaker. The present pacemaker is broken.
- **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 16<sup>th</sup>; 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		