

# Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church

Glorifying God, Growing in Christ, Giving to Others



November 26, 2023

249 East Main Street, Brevard, NC 28712

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Prelude

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

setting by Edwin Childs

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Choral Introit (11:00)

“Psalm 149”

Michael Helman

Text: Michael Morgan

Praise the Lord, new songs employ, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing to God who is your joy, alleluia, alleluia!

Instruments and voices raise songs of joy and highest praise

Unto God our glorious King, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

\*Hymn #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Gracious, most merciful God, hear our humble confession. We cling to past pain rather than entrusting it to You. We receive Your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive ourselves and others. Take from us any grudge or resentment that has found safe harbor in our lives. In Your mercy, set us free from a past that we cannot change, and open us to a future in which we can be changed by the Christ in Whose name we confess.

Silent Reflection

Response

“Lord Have Mercy”



## Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

## \*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: And also, with you.

## \*Gloria Patri #581

GREATOREX

(4-year-olds – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church)

Scripture

Philippians 3:7-14

Pew Bible NT pg. 175

Sermon

"Not Worth The Weight"

Dr. Keith Thompson

## \*Hymn 846

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

## \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness through life in Christ, we can live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good and evil days alike, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

## \*Doxology #606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

Anthem (11:00)

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Michael Helman

Text: Brian Wren

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.  
For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.  
Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind  
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find  
Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

## Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Hymn #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

setting by  
Michael Burkhardt

(\*The asterisk denotes to stand if you are able.)

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USHERS: 8:30: Kathy & Scott Kelley  
11:00: Dori Miller and Don Bieger

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### ELDERS

#### Class of 2023

Richard Ambler  
Gail Blunt  
Kathi Clark  
Dorothy Knowles

#### Class of 2024

Richard Black  
Danny Hollingsworth  
Frank Porter  
Mike Stewart

#### Class of 2025

Frank Anderson  
Ginny Bradford  
Janice Hiner  
Carlton Ward

#### Class of 2023

Peggy Bakos  
Mary Jane Bennett  
Leslie Cole  
Sue Macoy  
Peggy Padgett  
Louise Stroup  
Sharon Ward

#### Class of 2024

Sharon Black  
Carla Hill  
Ellie Mercer  
Leslie Mertens  
Cathie Odom  
Jo Stewart, Co-Chair

#### Class of 2025

Sue Carter  
Lee Collins  
Pat Crawford  
Ann Hinze, Co-Chair  
Debbie Thompson

## *Stay Connected*

Are you a visitor? Welcome! Please pick up a visitor's bag in the narthex or ask an usher to get one for you.

1. **Advent Devotional Booklets** – Devotional booklets for Advent are available in the narthex and east foyer. Please pick up one to use as a devotional guide for your journey through the Advent season.
2. **Once again, our church family will come together to ring the Salvation Army Bells.** We ring on November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. It's always so heartwarming to see the smiles as people interact with our group. Thank you for helping those less fortunate in our community.
3. **Next Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm, the Carolina Bronze Handbell Ensemble** from Greensborough, South Carolina will be presenting a concert of music for the holiday season. This community-based Ensemble is made up of advanced ringers and handbell directors who are seeking a challenging ringing experience. The group plays on five octaves of handbells and seven octaves of hand chimes as well as adding additional instruments and percussion. Their program will consist of sacred and secular music for the Christmas season and will include such tunes as "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Sleigh Ride," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Do You Hear What I hear?" and many more. Get into the Christmas spirit by enjoying this outstanding handbell ensemble under the direction of Alan Lohr. Be sure to bring a friend to this fun concert!
4. **Alternative Christmas Giving 2023:** Bless others by blessing others. That is what Alternative Christmas Gifts are all about. you donate to one of the many international and/or local charities and give a card to those on your Christmas list to let them know you gave to others in their honor. *Be watching your email and the Sunday bulletins for more information on how you can participate!*
5. **ATTENTION DEACONS:** There will be a Deacons Meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM service in the Church Lounge. Mark your calendars!
6. **On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> our Chancel Choir will present a program during the 11:00 AM Worship Service** entitled "Carols Old, Yet New." Texts to familiar carols have been set to new tunes which bring new life and meaning to them. The Chancel Choir will be accompanied by flute, oboe and cello. Be sure to attend and bring a friend to worship that morning.
7. **Humanitarian Assistance** - For those who are interested in learning more about humanitarian assistance in Israel/Palestine go to Presbyterian Church USA Presbyterian Mission.
8. **The Sunday School Offerings** for the month of November is Sharing House.
9. **Earth Care Tidbit of the Week:** Americans throw away 40% of all their food, spend on average \$1,500 every year in uneaten food, and use 25% of our water to produce food that is never consumed – a staggering waste of money, land, water and energy.
10. **Music printed** in this insert, or in the Worship Service Bulletin is licensed under: CCLI #1413339

For information about these events and more, contact  
the church office at 884-2645 or info@bdrpc.org.

### This Week's Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Nov. 26 Pat Crawford ☺  | Nov. 30 John Hachbold ☺          |
| Carol Bryant ☺          | Travis & Gail Rockey♥            |
| Nov. 27 Bill Jennings ☺ | Dec. 1 Don & Zoob Gentle♥        |
| Dick Stricker ☺         | David & Cindy Trowbridge♥        |
| Nov. 28 Rich Warwick ☺  | Dec. 2 Mark & Missy Ellenberger♥ |
| Sharon Black ☺          | Fred Schenberg ☺                 |

### Calendar of Events for this Week

**Sunday November 26**

- 8:30..... Worship
- 9:45 ..... Sunday School
- 11:00..... Worship

**Monday, November 27**

- 1:30 ..... Shawl Ministry
- 1:30 ..... Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, November 28**

- 5:15 ..... Westminster Ringers Rehearsal

**Wednesday, November 29**

- 9:00 ..... Women on Wednesdays (WOW)
- 6:30..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal



COLLECTION BIN NEEDS
<p><b>Black Mountain Home:</b> New items that BMH use in quantity, like twin sheets, towels, paper goods, pillows, socks, cleaning supplies, shower curtain liners, batteries, school/arts and crafts supplies, toiletries, and diapers in all sizes.</p> <p><b>Sharing House:</b> Oatmeal &amp; Grits, Pancake Mix &amp; Syrup, Cereal, Spaghetti &amp; Sauce, Stuffing, Mayo, Mustard, Vegetable/Canola Oil, Dessert Mixes, 1 lb. bags of Sugar &amp; Flour, Instant or Canned Potatoes, Cream Soups, Baked Beans, Pinto Beans, Canned Greens, Canned Carrots, Diapers sizes 4-6 &amp; wipes, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>There are collection bins for your donations at the three main entrances.</b></p>