

## BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to  
love and serve God and neighbor*

February 25, 2024 ☩ 10:45 am



Sarah and her husband had had plenty of hard knocks in their time, and there were plenty more of them still to come, but at that moment when the angel told them they'd better start dipping into their old-age pensions for cash to build a nursery, the reason they laughed was that it suddenly dawned on them that the wildest dreams they'd ever had hadn't been half wild enough.

-- Frederick Buechner

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. by William Runyan

\* Response, No. 706 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings* OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer (*using "sins" & "those who sin against us"*)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Sending

\* Hymn, No. 184 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Response *God Be with You* Choir

\* Extinguishing the Candles, taking forth the Light of Christ

\* Postlude *Lift High the Cross* arr. by Larry Shackley

*\* Congregation will please stand*

**Congregation will please respond**

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### Gathering

\* Hymn, No. 45 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

\* Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. by Lani Smith

Time of Quiet Prayer and Prayer of Blessing

Hymn, No. 404                      *I Need Thee Every Hour* (vs. 1)                      NEED

Confession

The psalmist assures us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. So, with that assurance of God's presence, God's steadfast love, and God's overwhelming mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Time for Silent Confession*

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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**Amen.**

\* Response, No. 705                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      GREATOREX

**Proclaiming**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading                                              *Romans 4:13-25* (pg. 1027, Pew Bible)

Gospel                                                                      *Mark 8:31-38* (pg. 919, Pew Bible)

Anthem                                              *The Summons*                                              arr. by Tom Fettke  
by John L. Bell & Graham Maule

“Will you come and follow Me, if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let My love be shown? Will you let My name be known? Will you let My life be grown in you, and you in Me?”  
“Will you leave yourself behind, if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind, and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your

life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer pray'r in you, and you in Me?”  
“Will you let the blinded see, if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free, and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you, and you in Me?” “Will you love the “you” you hide, if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside, and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through My sight and touch and sound in you and you, in Me?” Lord, Your summons echoes true, when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You, and never be the same. In Your company, I'll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in You, and You in me. I will move and live and grow in You, and You in me.

Second Reading                                              *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16* (pg. 12, Pew Bible)

Sermon                                              *Covenant: Something Out of Nothing*                                              Rev. Kip J. Rush

Invitation to Discipleship

\* Hymn, No. 48                                              *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                                              FAITHFULNESS

\* Affirmation of Faith                                              *from Colossians 1:15-20*

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.**

**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.**

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

**Responding**

Silent Prayers and Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Sentence

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

10:45 am Worship Service

*Nursery/Wee Worship Care: Betsy Canupp & Childcare Solutions*

**Registration Deadline**—Calling all youth and families! Youth need to be registered for the mission trip no later than **February 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will have NO option for late registrations per Appalachia Service Project regulations. Contact Ean if you need help registering. Scholarships are now available.

We have been collecting soup for **GraceWorks Ministry**. So far, Brenthaven, you have provided **183 cans** of soup! Our pastor's challenge to triple the original goal of 58 cans has been more than met. We have a few more days to go, but as usual, you have done a super job with donations. Way to go, Brenthaven!

We are collecting for **My Own Backyard** before Spring Break. We would like **peanut butter crackers and apple sauce or fruit cups—individually wrapped**. We will collect these donations through **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Look for the donation bin by the church office.

You are invited to a **wedding shower** for **Gwendolyn Keiser** and **Preston Trammell** on **Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm at Brenthaven. They are registered at Target, and gift cards are appreciated.

**Save the date!** Ladies, we are having a **“Growing Together” brunch** on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at Brenthaven. We have some exciting things planned you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars, and watch for more details to come!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>SUN., FEB. 25</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	Worship Service
	<b>12:00 PM</b>	Youth Spaghetti Lunch/Silent Auction
<b>TUES., FEB. 27</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	CPWM ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
<b>WED., FEB. 28</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>	Wednesday Night Special ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	Choir Rehearsal ( <i>Choir Room</i> )
<b>THURS., FEB. 29</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	Creative Crafts ( <i>Adult Library</i> )
<b>SUN., MAR. 3</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	Sunday School
	<b>10:45 AM</b>	Worship Service

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Recent Additions

Charles Belew, Don Tabor

### Members

Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Marilyn Ewen, Ollie Faircloth, Fred Ford, Sr., Barbara Gentry, Paul Gonzales, Madge Graves, Tommy Hennesy, Linda Lipe, Barbara Loyall, Dawn & Walter McBee, Cheryl Morris, Jack C. Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Julie Travis

### Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Serenity Barksdale (*great-granddaughter of Barbara & Billy Dial*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Becky Brown (*friend of Becky Jones*), Michelle Burke (*daughter of Joyce Burch*), Mary Ruth Campbell (*step-mother of Barry & Darryl Campbell*), Betty Canupp (*mother of Betsy Canupp*), John Copeland (*nephew of Martha Stewart*), Steve Crawford (*friend of Carol Perryman*), Mac Crome (*cousin of Miab Faircloth*), Johnny Cunningham (*friend of Ford family*), Kevin Floyd (*son of Treva Floyd*), Seth Genes (*friend of the McCulleys*), Ann Ghianni (*sister-in-law of Tim Ghianni*), Helen James (*friend of Julie Travis*), Doug Johnson (*friend of Shali & Frank Scott*), Rex Lineberry (*brother of Pat Chesnut*), Walter McBee, Jr. (*son of Walter McBee, Sr.*), Sue McClelland (*mother of Rachel Campbell*), Martha Malloy (*mother of Joe Malloy*), Jackie Nash (*friend of Julie Travis*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn & Walter McBee*), Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*), Yvonne Reid (*aunt of Liz Strickland*), Elwanda Roberts (*cousin of Cheryl Morris*), Raymond Roman (*friend of Amity Marsh*), Rev. Teresa Shauf (*CP Minister*), Brittany Spradling, Judy Smith (*friend of Janiece Redmon*), Jim Summitt (*uncle of Blair Summitt*), James Talley, Garry Todd (*friend of Barbara Dial and others*), Bill Turner (*brother-in-law of Cheryl Tabor*), Wilma Wade (*sister of Kaye Holland*), Philip & Isabel Ward (*parents of Heather McDonald*), Hayden White (*friend of Becky Jones*), Iza Wojcik family and father John Kavouklis (*friends of Liz Strickland*), those serving our country



Prayers