

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

February 4, 2024 † 10:45 am



In our success-oriented culture, we are frequently tempted to cater to any ministry-strategy that pleases crowds and fills pews. It is often difficult to discern when that is appropriate and when it is not. The proclamation of the Gospel requires that there be people to hear. If the pews are empty, how can our proclamation be effective? But Jesus approaches the problem from a different direction. He has been God-sent to “proclaim the message,” and that is what he intends to do. He pays scant attention to the possibilities offered by the presence of crowds.
-- Richard Niell Donovan

Gathering

* Hymn, No. 332 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

* Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* arr. by Lani Smith

Time of Quiet Prayer and Prayer of Blessing

Hymn, No. 399 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (vs. 1) O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Offertory *Toccata in C* arr. by Charles Callahan

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

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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.

Words of Institution

Communion (*Please come forward to be served.*)

Prayer after Communion

Sending

* Hymn, No. 481 *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

* Charge and Benediction

* Response *May the Love of the Lord* Choir

* Extinguishing the Candles, taking forth the Light of Christ

* Postlude *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* arr. by Cindy Berry

** Congregation will please stand*

Bold *Congregation will please respond*

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

Amen.

* Response, No. 705

Glory Be to the Father

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Proclaiming

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31 (pg. 654, Pew Bible)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (pg. 1044, Pew Bible)

Anthem

Safe Within Your Arms
Jan Davidson, *Soloist*

Mark Hayes

Whether I’m right, or whether I’m wrong, whether I’m weak, or whether I’m strong, whether I’m sure, or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used. I know a place where I can go; somewhere that winter winds don’t blow. There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care, next to Your heart. And I’m safe within Your arms, Lord. I’ve become a child again. I’ve come back to the source of love; where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong, and prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your

embrace and find my strength in You. Whether I’m walking in the light, or whether I’m stumbling through the night, You are a God whose promise endures. Your love is deep. Your love is sure. When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You, gently You call, “My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own.” And I’m safe within Your arms, Lord. I’ve become a child again. I’ve come back to the source of love, where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong, and prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your embrace, and find my strength in You, and find my strength in You.

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39 (pg. 911, Pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Kip J. Rush

Invitation to Discipleship

* Hymn, No. 400

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

* Affirmation of Faith

from Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

Responding

Silent Prayers and Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Sentence

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10:45 am Worship Service

Nursery/Wee Worship Care: Betsy Canupp & Childcare Solutions

We hope you will join us for our **2024 Chili Cook-Off** this **Wednesday, February 7th** at 5:45 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!

Everyone is welcome to join us for a **Crafting Day** in the Fellowship Hall next **Saturday, February 10th** from 8 am–5 pm. If interested, contact Rachel Campbell at 615-415-7487.

On **Sunday, Feb. 18th** at 2:00 pm in the church Narthex, we will host a baby shower for **Katie Platz**. For details, please see the newsletter.

February is **SOUPER BOWL** month! To assist **Graceworks** in providing food to individuals and families in Williamson County, the church will be collecting canned soups. In honor of Super Bowl LVIII, the goal will be 58 cans of soup by the end of February, but let's see if we can double that. Look for the bin marked "Soup For Graceworks" in the Narthex.

Our **Youth mission project** this year is to serve alongside the **Appalachia Service Project**. ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia. On our trip we will be working alongside them to build a better environment for low income and impoverished families through construction projects, such as porches, ramps, roofing, drywall, siding, floors, and foundations. We will have at least two fundraisers to be announced in the days ahead. Prayerfully consider donating to support Youth ROCKS as we go. For more information, please see the latest newsletter.

Missing a dish? We have several dishes in our main kitchen that were left from our last church luncheon. Please check the kitchen for any dishes you might be missing. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN., FEB. 4	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	DMT Meeting
	5:00 PM	Youth ROCKS
MON., FEB. 5	10:00 AM	Young @ Heart (<i>Adult Library</i>)
WED., FEB. 7	5:45 PM	Chili Cook-Off (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)
THURS., FEB. 8	11:00 AM	Creative Crafts (<i>Adult Library</i>)
SUN., FEB. 11	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Cheryl Morris
Melissa Pyne (*granddaughter of Doris Cantagallo*)

Members

Charles & Gladys Belew, Joan Bledsoe, Bill Blewett, Phyllis Burkhalter, Ben Davis, Jane Dowden, Larry Ennenga, 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, Don Tabor, Cheryl Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), 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*), Shirley Jansma, Patti Jobe (*sister-in-law of Renee McCulley*), 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*), Bettie Mason (*friend of Barbara Dial*), Lukas Miscoe (*friend of Deborah Rolman*), Sherry Norton (*friend of Deborah Deaton*), Ayden Orr (*friend of Ollie, Baird and Miab Faircloth*), Heather Perillo (*daughter of Dawn & Walter McBee*), 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