

* 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. 71 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

* Charge and Benediction

* Response *Go Now in Peace* Choir

* Extinguishing the Candles, taking forth the Light of Christ

* Postlude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* arr. by Jeff Bennett

** Congregation will please stand*

Bold *Congregation will please respond*

BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

April 28, 2024 ✝ 10:45 am



The Bible often tells us about people who are insignificant in the eyes of the world but who are royalty in God's eyes. This story, however, could easily have been precisely the opposite. Here is a man with a royal job in a worldly court, who could have gotten the impression from the Bible that he was unwelcome in God's court. What he needs is someone who not only knows Scripture, but also knows the God of Scripture. He needs someone to teach him who has felt the embrace of God, who can read the cold ink on the page in the warm light of God's Spirit. He needs, as all of us do, a Philip to guide him. -- Tom Long

Gathering

* Hymn, No. 310 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

* Bringing in the Light of Christ

Welcome and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship *Close to Thee* arr. by Donald Lee Moore

Time of Quiet Prayer and Prayer of Blessing

Hymn, No. 495 *Step by Step* STEP BY STEP

Confession

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

Time for Silent Confession

You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.

Believe the promise given to you:

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

* Response, No. 705

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Proclaiming

Children’s Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 John 4:7-21 (pg. 1112, Pew Bible)

Gospel

John 15:1-8 (pg. 983, Pew Bible)

Anthem

Go Into the World

Natalie Sleeth

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations, go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people, go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear; I am the light, you, the reflection ev’rywhere. Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers. Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye now and make disciples of all the nations, go ye now and I will be with you there. Go ye now and take the Gospel to all the people, go ye now and I

will be with you there. I am the vine and you, the branches, I am the light for you to share so go ye now and tell the story to all believers, go ye now and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples of all the nations, go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! Go ye, go ye into the world and take the Gospel to all the people. Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there! I am the vine, you are the branches, ever the fruit to bear; I am the light, you the reflection ev’rywhere; Go ye, go ye into the world and tell the story to all believers, go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with you there; and I will be with you there!

Second Reading

Acts 8:26-40 (pg. 1000, Pew Bible)

Sermon

Follow the Verbs

Rev. Kip J. Rush

Invitation to Discipleship

* Hymn, No. 484

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

ANGEL’S STORY

* Affirmation of Faith

from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

Responding

Silent Prayers and Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Concertato

arr. by Rick Parks

* Response, No. 706

Praise God from Whom All Blessings

DUKE STREET

APRIL 28, 2024

10:45 am Worship Service

Nursery/Wee Worship Care: Betsy Canupp & Childcare Solutions

Next Sunday, May 5, is Graduate Recognition Sunday. We will present our high school seniors with a Bible during worship. Please take a moment to fill out a note card on the display in the narthex for these special youth: **Evatt Howerton, Josh Malloy, James Scott, Ray Scott, Sloan Stewart, Daisy Urbanowicz, and Anna Grace Wooten.** Include your wishes, prayers, or your support and guidance as they prepare to take the next steps in their journey. You may also bring your own cards.

If you have a **special graduate** you would like to tell us about, we would like to publish this information in a future newsletter. Please contact the church office with your information (see the newsletter for more details).

Reminder: Our **Ladies Brunch** is coming up **Saturday, May 11** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to “growing together.”

Run the Race is our theme for this year’s **Vacation Bible School (June 24–June 27)**. With a nod to the summer Olympics in Paris, we’ll fill our week with Olympic-themed games plus science, crafts, and music. We’ll study Bible stories and each child will be on a team representing a country that Cumberland Presbyterians serve in missionary work. We invite children age four through sixth grade to join us. Registration forms will be available soon. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Contact Ms. Cheryl or the church office if you’d like to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN., APR. 28	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	DMT Meeting (<i>Adult Library</i>)
	5:00 PM	Youth ROCKS
MON., APR. 29	10:00 AM	Young @ Heart (<i>Adult Library</i>)
WED., MAY 1	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (<i>Choir Room</i>)
THURS., MAY 2	11:00 AM	Creative Crafts (<i>Adult Library</i>)
FRI., MAY 3	1:00 PM	Mah Jongg (<i>Youth Room</i>)
SUN., MAY 5	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Worship Service (<i>Graduate Recognition Sunday</i>)
	4:00 PM	Youth ROCKS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Recent Additions

Billy Dial
Fred Ford, Jr.

Members

Gladys & Charles 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 Phillips, Jodi Rush, Guy Sneed, Cheryl Tabor, Don Tabor, Julie Travis

Family and Friends

Pat Allen (*mother of Greg T. Allen*), Judy Baggett (*friend of Bob Dozier*), Abby Bailey and Family (*friend of Jane Dowden*), Merritt Brakebill (*brother-in-law of Joe Malloy*), Sierra Broome (*friend of Lorri Jean Pulley*), 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 Trena 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*), Patty Little (*aunt of Renee McCulley*), 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*), Scott Mennen (*son-in-law of Barbara Dial*), 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*), 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*), Forrest Sutton (*brother-in-law of Ean Taylor*), 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

