

Berea Christian Church
December 3, 2023– 11:00 am
Robert L. Stovall, Pastor

WORSHIP THE TRIUNE GOD

The worship of the Triune God under the New Covenant is characterized by simplicity. In marked contrast to the complex and multi-layered worship of the Old Covenant – with its richly-robed legacy priesthood, its elaborately beautiful tabernacle and then temple, the sights and smells of its sacrificial system, and its yearly feasts, fasts, festivals, and sabbaths – New Covenant worship is centered around the primary means of grace which Christ set within His Church: prayer and praise, along with the reading and preaching of the Word. Its simplicity, however, does not make this worship easy; our obligations as kings and priests to our God (Exodus 19:6) require us to arrive prepared each Lord’s Day if we are to properly present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1, HCSB). In the quiet of the moments preceding the start of this morning’s service, seek that final preparation that will allow you to profit more fully from that worship of our God which is offered “in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

Prelude	Organist	
Greeting	<i>Welcome & Exhortation</i>	Pastor Rob Stovall
Call To Worship	Revelation 7: 9-12 (pg. 1921)	Pastor Stovall
HYMN # 240	The Church of Christ <i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	
Confession of Sin	The Church of Christ	
Pastor: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.		
People: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.		
Pastor: We acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.		
People: Against You, we have done this evil in Your sight.		
Pastor: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.		
People: Create in us a clean heart, O God.		

Pastor: And renew a steadfast spirit within us.		
People: Amen.		
Word of Pardon	Titus 3: 5-7 (pg. 1859)	Pastor Stovall
Response of Praise:	The Church of Christ	
	Hymn # 513 Thank You, Lord	
Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul; thank You, Lord, for making me whole.		
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me, Thy great salvation so rich and free.		
Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 65: 17-25 (pg. 1164)	Pastor Stovall
Response to the Word:	Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,	
	People: But the word of our God stands forever.	
HYMN # 249	O Come, All Ye Faithful	The Church of Christ
Prayers of Adoration & Intercession	Pastor Stovall	
	Leading in Prayer	
New Testament Reading	Pastor Stovall	
	Colossians 1: 15-20 (pg. 1832)	
Response to the Word:	Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,	
	People: Thanks be to God.	
Preaching of the Word	Pastor Stovall	
	The Firstborn of All Creation	
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	The Church of Christ	
	We offer clear grape juice in the center of tray, all other is wine.	
HYMN # 259	The Church of Christ	
	Angels, From the Realms of Glory	
Benediction	Pronouncing the Benediction	Pastor Stovall
Benedictory Response # 598	The Church of Christ	
	Wherever He Leads, I'll Go (Refrain Only)	
Postlude	Organist	

SERVICE NOTES:
* Offerings/Tithes box is at the **BACK** of the sanctuary.
*Scripture page numbers are in the NIV Pew Bibles.

ALTAR FLOWERS
The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Martha Willis.

BEREA’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday</u>		
10:00 am	Sunday School	11:00 am Worship Service
<u>Wednesday</u>		
7:00 pm	Bible Study in Adult Sunday School Class	

BEREA’s MONTHLY CALENDAR

Dec 3	COMMUNION
Dec 13	Toys for Tots Drive ENDS
Dec 17	Berea Christmas Card Post Office ENDS
Dec 18	Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm
Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11:00 am



PRAYER LIST

Lord hear our prayers for those who are sick, healing, or grieving, our Pastor, caretakers, military, educators, leaders, first responders, unspoken requests, and Lord especially those who are still unsaved. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

SUSAN (Outlaw) BAUSWELL 323 Club Drive, Littleton, NC 27850
SADIE (Bryan & Deena Collins granddaughter) not feeling well
CARTER BRADSHAW cold/flu
PHYLLIS & CHUCK UMBERGER Phyllis Parkinson's & Chuck COPD
PASTOR STOVALL -dealing with blood pressure & vocal challenges
BETTY BARNES infection in leg
WILMA JACK is sore from a recent fall, no broken bones
FRANK & JANET HEATH (Nellie's neighbor) He has brain cancer
JOLEEN FLOTA diagnosed kidney disease
ELIZABETH TURNER digestive problems, running tests
COOKIE BATTEN cold/flu
BILL VAUGHAN friend with cancer and friend with heart problems
JENNIFER M. TRAUGOTT (Jonie's daughter) broken ankle
GREY GLOVER serious health issues
ROB CUTCHINS cataract surgery 11/30/2023
JAMIE ROLISON neck surgery 11/27/2023
BROCK VAN FAUSSIEN head injury 2 yr. ago, still not back to work
TRACY (Kathy Wilcox friend) father fought cancer, passed away

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

HAZEL BRUSSO **LINDA KNIGHT**
JOHN VANCE UPDATE: 7090 Covenant Woods Dr.,
Apt. #B107, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-7025

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

NAVY - FC 2 Brendan Sommerfeldt
Mati (wife), Willow (daughter) and Jackson (son) Sommerfeldt
NAVY - Joshua Nathaniel Jack
waiting on assignment E2 – Cryptologic Technician
COAST GUARD – CAPT. John Hughes
Chelsey (wife), Rylea and Jamie (daughters)



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