

Berea Christian Church
December 10, 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	Welcome & Exhortation	Pastor Rob Stovall
Call To Worship	Psalm 22: 27-28 (pg. 861)	Pastor Stovall
HYMN # 245 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” The Church of Christ		
Confession of Sin		The Church of Christ
Pastor: O Triune God, we come pleading for the forgiveness of our sins: in Your mercy, please forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins that we have forgotten.		
People: Forgive our many failures in the face of manifold temptations, and those times in which we have displayed stubbornness in the face of much-needed correction.		
Pastor: Forgive those times in which we have been proud of own our achievements, as well as those times during which we have failed to boast in Your works.		
People: Forgive the harsh judgments we have rendered with regards to others, and the leniency that we have granted ourselves.		

Pastor: Forgive the lies that we have told, along with the truths that we have avoided. Forgive us for the pain that we have caused others, and the indulgence that we have shown ourselves.
People: O Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Word of Pardon	1 John 2: 1-2 (pg. 1899)	Pastor Stovall
Response of Praise: Doxology (Old 100th) pg. 815 The Church of Christ Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow; Praise Him all Creatures Here Below; Praise Him above Ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9 (pg. 1076) Pastor Stovall		
Response to the Word: Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades, People: But the word of our God stands forever.		
HYMN # 250 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” The Church of Christ		
Prayers of Adoration & Intercession		Pastor Stovall
Leading in Prayer		
New Testament Reading	Ephesians 4: 1-13 (pg. 1821)	Pastor Stovall
Response to the Word: Pastor: This is the word of the Lord, People: Thanks be to God.		
Preaching of the Word “The Fullness of Christ” Pastor Stovall		
HYMN # 264 The Church of Christ “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”		
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.

BEREA’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Study in Adult Sunday School Class

BEREA’s MONTHLY CALENDAR

- Dec 17 Berea Christmas Card Post Office ENDS
- Dec 18 Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 11:00 am



FRANK HEATH (Nellie’s neighbor) passed away after a battle with brain cancer. His wife, Janet, is not in good health, she was helping take care of him. Please keep this family in prayer for peace and healing.

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

JOLEEN FLOTA diagnosed kidney disease

COOKIE BATTEN cold/flu

BILL VAUGHAN having a stress test done 12/14/2023

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

SUSAN MANSFIELD knee problems, surgery to come

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

HAZEL BRUSSO Room #233 at Maimonides Health Center on
6401 Auburn Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464 757-538-1293

LINDA KNIGHT at Bickford of Suffolk – 6860 Harbour Blvd.,
Suffolk, VA 23435

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)



Berea Christmas Card

Post Office

November 26 - December 17

To ensure that the intended recipient receives your card,

*Please, only leave cards for
families that regularly attend.*

*The Post Office table is setup in the back hall in front
of the bulletin board.*



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