

Berea Christian Church
December 17, 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	<i>Psalm 68:3 (pg. 902)</i>	Pastor Stovall
HYMN # 240		The Church of Christ
	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	
Confession of Sin		The Church of Christ
Pastor: O Most Holy and Merciful God, we come acknowledging that we are sinners against You in thought, word, and deed.		
People: We have not loved You with all our heart or soul or mind or strength; we certainly have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.		
Pastor: Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls – through Jesus our Lord.		
People: Amen.		
Word of Pardon	<i>Isaiah 43: 25 (pg. 1128)</i>	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: *Micah 5: 2-4 (pg. 1445)* **Pastor Stovall**

Response to the Word:
Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,
People: But the word of our God stands forever.

HYMN # 251 **The Church of Christ**
“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Prayers of Adoration & Intercession **Pastor Stovall**
Leading in Prayer

New Testament Reading **Pastor Stovall**
Matthew 1: 18-24 (pg. 1497)

Response to the Word:
Pastor: This is the word of the Lord,
People: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word *“God with Us”* **Pastor Stovall**

HYMN # 261 *“Away in a Manger”* **The Church of Christ**

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**





**CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICE**

Sunday – Dec. 24th

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
PHYLLIS & CHUCK UMBERGER Phyllis Parkinson's & Chuck COPD
BETTY BARNES infection in leg
JOLEEN FLOTA diagnosed kidney disease
BILL VAUGHAN having a stress test done 12/14/2023
JENNIFER M. TRAUOGOTT (Jonie's daughter) broken ankle
GREY GLOVER serious health issues
ROB CUTCHINS cataract surgery 11/30/2023
JAMIE ROLISON neck surgery 11/27/2023, still needs prayers
BROCK VAN FAUSSIEN head injury 2 yr. ago, still not back to work
SUSAN MANSFIELD knee problems, surgery in January

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**

TODAY
Sunday – December 17th
Last Day!
Please remember to pick up your cards!

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



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