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 guiet 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 68:3 (pg. 902) Pastor Stovall

HYMN # 240 The Church of Christ

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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 Isaiah 43: 25 (pg. 1128) 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

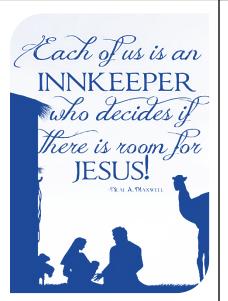
7:00 pm Bible Study in Adult Sunday School Class

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





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. 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, still needs prayers

BROCK VAN FAUSSIEN head injury 2 yr. ago, still not back to work

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

SUSAN MANSFIELD knee problems, surgery in January

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

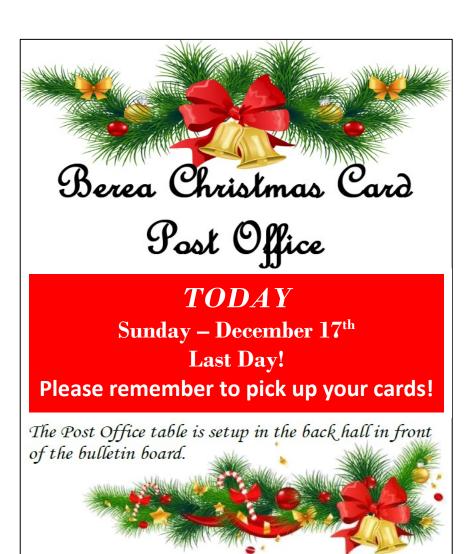
JOHN VANCE UPDATE: 7090 Covenant Woods Dr., Apt. #B107, Mechanicsville, VA 23111-7025

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

NAVY - FC 2 Brendan Sommerfeldt Mati (wife), Willow (daughter) and Jackson (son) Sommerfeldt

NAVY - Joshua Nathanial Jack waiting on assignment E2 – Cryptologic Technician

COAST GUARD – CAPT. John Hughes Chelsey (wife), Rylea and Jamie (daughters)





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