

**Berea Christian Church**  
**December 31, 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).

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Organist</b>
<b>Greeting</b>	<i>Welcome &amp; Exhortation</i> <b>Pastor Rob Stovall</b>
<b>Call To Worship</b>	<i>Psalm 57:9-10</i> (pg. 895) <b>Pastor Stovall</b>
<b>HYMN # 65</b>	<i>“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”</i> <b>The Church of Christ</b>

**Confession of Sin** **The Church of Christ**  
Pastor: O Glorious God, we confess that our worship is so weak and poor. We are moderate and lukewarm in our praise.  
**People: We do not prepare to exalt You as we ought, and we do not take joy in singing of Your glory, as we should.**  
Pastor: Forgive us for robbing You of Your glory and give us hearts that delight in zealously singing Your worth.  
**People: Amen.**

**Word of Pardon:** *Romans 6: 23* (pg. 1755) **Pastor Stovall**

**Response of Praise:** *Thank You, Lord* (pg. 513) **The Church of Christ**  
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:** *Psalm 8* (pg. 848) **Pastor Stovall**

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

**HYMN # 727** *“Faith Is the Victory”* **The Church of Christ**  
**Prayers of Adoration & Intercession** **Pastor Stovall**  
*Leading in Prayer*

**Scripture Reading:** *Isaiah 63: 1-14* (pg. 1160) **Pastor Stovall**

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

**Preaching of the Word** *“Vengeance and Grace”* **Pastor Stovall**

**HYMN # 526** *“The Solid Rock”* **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**

- Jan 7 Communion  
Jan 9 North Suffolk CHKD meeting 6:30 pm  
Jan 13 Women’s Luncheon 12:00 noon (ad on back)  
Jan 15 Exchange Club meeting 6:30 pm  
Jan 26 CHKD BINGO NIGHT (hall reserved all day)



## 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.

**NOTE:** To add/remove a name, please call the church office or send to church email (see front of bulletin for this information).

## 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** bronchitis

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

**GREY GLOVER** serious health issues

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

**SUSAN MANSFIELD** knee problems, surgery 1/2/2024

3124 Sterling Way, Portsmouth, VA 23703

## 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)*

January

**Berea Christian Church**  
4109 Driver Lane, Suffolk, VA

**Women's Luncheon & Study**

**Saturday - January 13, 2024**  
**at 12:00 noon at Berea**

Bring your favorite junk food and get ready to learn  
and be blessed.  
Bring your lady friends, family, and neighbors.

**FOOD, FRIENDSHIP, & INSPIRATION**

Happy New Year

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*I only talk to God when I need a favor and  
I only pray when I ain't got a prayer.  
So who am I, who am I to expect a savior,  
if I only talk to God when I need a favor?*

*I know amazin' grace, but I ain't been livin' them  
words.*

*Swear I spend most Sundays  
Drunk than I have at church.*

*Hard cover King James*

*Only been savin' dust on the nightstand.*

*And I don't know what to say  
By the time I fold my hands.*

*Hangin' in there just barely,  
Throwin' up prayers like Hail Marys.*

*If You're still there, Lord, spare me!*

*Oh, my God, oh, my God, Hail Mary*

*Hangin' in there just barely*

*Throwin' up prayers like Hail Marys.*

*If You're still there, Lord, spare me*

*Oh, my God, oh, my God, Hail Mary*



*Jelly Roll*

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