

Berea Christian Church

December 29, 2024– 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).

Lord’s Day Morning Worship

Prelude *Processional for a Joyful Day* **Organist**

Greeting *Welcome & Exhortation* **Pastor Rob Stovall**

Call To Worship *Psalm 145: 17-19 (pg. 980)* **Pastor Stovall**

HYMN # 343 *“Amazing Grace”* **The Church of Christ**

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.

The Word of Pardon: *Psalm 103: 10-12 (pg. 939)* **Pastor Stovall**

Response of Praise: *Thank You, Lord* **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.

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 9: 1-4 (pg. 1072)* **Pastor Stovall**

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

HYMN # 11 **The Church of Christ**
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Reading of the Sermon Text **Pastor Stovall**
Matthew 4: 12-23 (pg. 1500)

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

Preaching of the Word **Pastor Stovall**
“Preaching and Healing”

HYMN # 572 *“Blessed Assurance”* **The Church of Christ**

Benediction *Pronouncing the Benediction* **Pastor Stovall**

Benedictory Response # 598 **The Church of Christ**
“Wherever He Leads, I’ll Go” (Chorus 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 5 COMMUNION

SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY REQUESTING



- **SWEET PEAS**
- **SOUPS** (pop tops if possible)
- **PASTA** and **PASTA SAUCE**
- **CANNED MEATS** (with pop tops if possible)

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

PHYLLIS UMBERGER	BETTY BARNES
PASTOR STOVALL & FAMILY	SHIRLEY BONNEWELL
BOB & DANESE GILLIES	EULA & JERRY RUSS
JAMIE ROLISON	GINGER COLLINS hurt arm
CRUZ GALJOUR	ROBIN MUNSON

STEVE CARLETTI (shoulder replacement infection + staff infec.)
COLIN FRAIZER (Bryan Collins friend)
MARK OUTLAW some improvement in his condition
WILMA JACK traveling

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT AT THEIR HOME

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

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

JOHN VANCE: 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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