

## BRENHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# “SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS”

November 24, 2022

**Sunday Service, November 27, 2022 Sermon: "Advent of Hope" by Rev. Ed Wolf**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Loft

10:00 AM Worship Service **Nursery will be open**

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11:05 AM **No Sunday School** “Explorers of the Bible” class

### Week’s Calendar:

Monday, Nov 28 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Galilee Garden

Tuesday, Nov 29 10:00 AM - Tuesday Disciples

Wednesday, Nov 30 8:00 AM - Men’s Fellowship @ Santa Fe & SP Café

Wednesday, Nov 30 6:00 PM “Walk with Friends”

### Worship Notes/Sunday School Notes

Beginning Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, communion will again be served through the passing of the bread and juice trays. The premade cups will also be made available for those who feel more comfortable in using them.

**The Mission Study** is complete! It can be viewed on our website.

**Walk with Friends** - Starting November 30<sup>th</sup>, “Walk with Friends” will be doing a four-week study, using the book, ***Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes***. If you might be interested in a copy of this book, please see Pastor Ed for details.

**Galilee Garden:** We work each Monday (weather permitting) in the garden from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Enjoy great fellowship while growing good food for our neighbors in need. No experience necessary! Contact Phoebe Lake at [pvlake@gmail.com](mailto:pvlake@gmail.com) or 281-660-6071.

**Men’s Fellowship** gathers every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM for breakfast and fellowship. This week we will be meeting at Santa Fe Café & SP, 302 W. First Street, Brenham. Contact Peter Blatchley [ppdgb@msn.com](mailto:ppdgb@msn.com) or 979-203-3777 with questions.

**Congregational Meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>** following the Worship Service. Purpose of the meeting is to elect two new elders.

**Needlework Ministry:** All interested are welcome. **There will be no December meeting.** We now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month at 10:00 AM in the church office Contact Sue Ruotsala [billieandsue@gmail.com](mailto:billieandsue@gmail.com) or 713-205-3001 with questions.

**Presbyterian Women** began a new study in September. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 13th. We will discuss Chapter 4 of "Celebrating the Sabbath". Refreshments at 9:30 AM; study begins at 10:00 AM.

**Tuesday Disciples** meet on Tuesday mornings in the church office at 10:00 AM for Bible study except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday when Presbyterian Women meets.

**Advent and Christmas Upcoming Save the Date:**

The **Christian Education** committee will provide **Advent Devotionals** for our Church Family. **They will be available in the Blinn Room on November 27**, the first Sunday in Advent. These resources will help us prepare for the coming of the Christ child during Advent.

As Advent approaches we are in preparation for some very special worship services. This is always such a beloved season in the church, so mark your calendars!

**November 27--1st Sunday of Advent** ....the beginning of the Christian year as we wait the coming of Christ

**December 4---2nd Sunday of Advent** ....*"Advent Worship in Song"*...this annual service is centered on lots of special music and congregational singing!

**December 11---3rd Sunday of Advent** ....*"Come to the Manger"*...this is the annual Christmas Pageant service! Again.....lots of music and singing!!!

**December 18---4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 24 --Christmas Eve Service with Communion and Candlelight at 6 PM**

**December 25---Christmas Day**....Sunday this year. Come and worship as we hear scripture, learn of traditions around the world, and sing!

**January 1 ---New Year's Day**....also Sunday. Come and worship with our guest minister, Rev. Emily Behgin.

**BRENNHAM STATE LIVING CENTER CHRISTMAS 2022:** As has been our tradition the last several years, we will be participating in the annual **Share the Holiday Magic** with the citizens of Brenham State Supported Living Center. If you would like to participate by choosing to give a gift, there is a list and gift tags in the Blinn Room. Perfume or CDs seem to be a popular choice this year and can be easily obtained. Any questions please call or email Cathy Nitsch (979) 421-9980 or [cathy.nitsch@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.nitsch@gmail.com). If you would rather make a monetary donation (and someone will shop for you) please send a check for \$10 to Brenham Presbyterian Church and on the memo line write Brenham State School Christmas. The gifts need to be received by December 7th, 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

**2022 Angel Tree** This year, as in past years past, Mission and Benevolence along with BPC membership will be participating in helping families in the Houston area with Christmas. We have been asked for donations of items other than toys: clothes, sheets (twin), diapers and books. Lists and tags are available in the Blinn Room. **Deadline for donations will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022.** We will also be collecting monetary donations. Checks should be made to **Brenham Presbyterian Church - Designate** on subject line **PCHAS ANGEL TREE** Questions: Susan Gray, [Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com](mailto:Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com) or 281-744-0374

**Pledge cards have been mailed.** Please return as soon as possible in order for budget to be finalized. If you didn't receive a pledge card contact Jerrel Branson or Todd Gray. Cards will also be available in the vestibule going into the Sanctuary.

**Update on Needed Building Repairs:** Our total funds in hand and pledged total \$91,000 not including the \$20,000 loan. **Member and non-member contributions are still needed.** Contact Jerrel Branson (203) 482-3620 or [jerrelbranson@gmail.com](mailto:jerrelbranson@gmail.com) about your donation or indicate on donation check: "Immediate Repairs".

**Pastor Ed's Office Hours:**

Monday – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Tuesday - Please call ahead

Wednesday - EMERGENCY ONLY \_ (Rev. Ed's sermon preparation day)

Thursday – 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Friday – Rev. Ed's day off

Wednesday is now our designated day for recurring bookkeeping and purchasing. Please submit check requests for check reimbursements accordingly.

**Worship Service Live:** Our worship service is now live at 11:00 AM. It can be watched on our Facebook page: [Brenham Presbyterian Church | Facebook](#); or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIVXTNPvx5A>.

**Prayer Chain: Did you know?** Brenham Presbyterian Church has a Prayer Chain ministry. If you would like to ask for prayer requests and/or be added to receive the emails, contact Elizabeth Lehrmann at [elehrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:elehrmann@yahoo.com).

**Spirit Highlights:** Please forward any News and Comments that you wish to share for future Spirit publications to Susan Gray, Editor at [Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com](mailto:Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com) or 281-744-0374; Deadline each week is Thursday at noon.