

**BRENHAM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**“SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS”**

January 25, 2024

**Sunday Service January 28, 2024**

9:00 AM                      Choir Practice in the Choir Loft

10:00 AM                     Worship Service with Nursery

Congregational Meeting Following Worship

Adult Sunday School Will Meet after Congregational Meeting

Worship Led by Guest Minister, JD Herrera

Sermon: “Who is They?”

Scripture Readings: Mark 1:21-28

*Rev. JD Herrera: August 1 of 2019 I began my service to the greater church in my extension ministries role as Vice President for Enrollment Management (VPEM) at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (APTS). In this role I am responsible for developing and executing a comprehensive approach to the ways in which the seminary recruits, admits, supports, retains, and graduates students in certificate and degree programs. I am tasked to connect and work with other departments to coordinate and manage enrollment planning, marketing, recruitment and admissions, advisement/coaching, financial aid, student services, retention, and alumni relations. I also serve as a member of the President’s Cabinet, making my voice heard in most executive decisions regarding the work of the seminary. I oversee a staff of four young clergy and one administrative staff person. My small team covers the entire US and most of the world in our recruiting work. It is a blessing to serve in this capacity at my alma mater. As a student I was distinguished graduate (Max Sherman & Barbara Jordan Fellow 2015 for work in the integration of public policy and faith) and one of the founders of the HESSED lecture series, the seminary’s only student directed and led lecture series. My strengths lie in dynamic leadership, visioning and strategic planning, senior level management, and institutional level reorganization for growth. I am a church planter at heart, I love engaging large systems for change, and I am passionate for equity work in all facets of education, especially within the theology of Christ.*

Tuesday, Jan 30

10:00 AM -- Tuesday Disciples

Wednesday, Jan 31

8:00 AM -- Men’s Fellowship @ Santa Fe Café



## ***Catch the Spirit***

The BPC Session of Elders has called a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders this Sunday, January 28, 2024 at Brenham Presbyterian Church following the 10:00 AM worship service. The Church Nominating Committee will present the following slate of nominees to be elected: Scott Carlson, Brook Bockhorn Marvin, and Jerry Newman. Any nominations from the floor must have received prior approval from the nominee. The meeting will be moderated by guest pastor Rev. J.D. Herrera from Austin Seminary and Elder Robert Lake.

**Walk with Friends:** The group is taking a break.

**Church Directory:** The DRAFT of the 2024 Members and Friends Directory has been sent out via email. Please check your information to confirm that it is correct. If it is please reply that it is correct or if not please send me the corrected information. Please look over the list of all the member and friends names to see if information needs to be updated or corrected. Susan Gray 281-744-0374 or [Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com](mailto:Susanconnellgray@yahoo.com)

**Congregational Care:** All are welcome to join in; we meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM in the church office. Contact Elizabeth Lehrmann with any prayer requests, concerns or questions @ [elehrmann@yahoo.com](mailto:elehrmann@yahoo.com) or 979-830-3659. Continued prayers are requested for those dealing with loss of loved ones, health issues, and all the other concerns that many are facing.

**Galilee Garden:** The garden is taking a winter break! We plan to start up again in mid-February. For more information or to volunteer contact Phoebe Lake @ 281-660-6071 or [pvlake@gmail.com](mailto:pvlake@gmail.com)

**Ladies Book Club:** We meet on the second Monday of the month at 2:00 PM at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library large meeting room. For more information contact Linda Newton @ 979-251-0642 or [linnie.newton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linnie.newton@sbcglobal.net)

**Men's Fellowship** gathers every Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM at Santa Fe Café for breakfast and fellowship. Contact Peter Blatchley with questions [ppdgb@msn.com](mailto:ppdgb@msn.com) or 979-203-3777.

**Mission and Benevolence: SAVE THE DATE** You are invited for lunch after church on Sunday, **February 11th**. It's the **Souper Bowl of Sharing!** We will be serving delicious soups. The event benefits Bread Partners, our partner in helping our neighbors in need. Please bring canned goods (especially fruit) or a box of cereal to donate. A free will offering will also be available. If you would like to make a soup to share, contact Cathy Nitsch [cathy.nitsch@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.nitsch@gmail.com) or 281-235-5078.

**Needlework Ministry:** The group meets on the third Friday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Church office. Back pillows for use in the Sanctuary have been made for members and guests who need a little extra comfort for their backs. The pillows are in the entry to the Sanctuary as you enter from the Blinn Room. Contact Sue Ruotsala @ 713-205-3001 or [billieandsue@gmail.com](mailto:billieandsue@gmail.com)

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):** Your PNC met Jan 10th, and we continue to review potential matching candidates coming out of the Church Leadership Committee (CLC) process. We have also interviewed a prospect by zoom call. Please continue to pray for us as we cast the net wide in our search for the candidate God has already chosen for Brenham Presbyterian Church.

**Presbyterian Women:** We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Blinn Room. Social begins at 9:30 AM and Bible study begins at 10:00 AM. Please come join in for fellowship and bible study.

**Tuesday Disciples** meet on Tuesday mornings in the Church office at 10:00 AM for Bible study except for the second Tuesday of the month (Presbyterian Women).

**Bookkeeping:** Treasurer Todd Gray reports that 2023 giving statements were mailed out today, January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact him at 281-636-9509.

Please submit your check requests before **Monday** of each week. Sarah's day in the office has been changed to either Monday or Tuesday.

**Brenham Children's Chorus:** The Brenham Children's Chorus Broadway Kids invite BPC to their performance of "Rainbow Fish" on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM or Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Blinn College Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center. If you are interested in tickets, please drop by the Chorus office at the church or call Rosellyn at 201-724-1514. You will enjoy this beautiful show and our amazing singers.

**Note from Editor of the Spirit:** Please let me know if you do not receive the weekly Spirit. We have had problems with computer gremlins causing members to drop off the email lists.

Brenham Children's Chorus  
**Brenham Broadway Kids**  
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**The**  
**Rainbow**  
**Fish**  
**Musical**

**Friday, February 2, 2024 - 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 3, 2024 - 2 p.m.**

**Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center  
Blinn College - Brenham**

**Adults - \$10.00      Children & Students - \$5.00**

**Family Pack: 2 Adults and Children \$25.00**

**Chorus Office: 979.400.4204**

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