

Announcements *and opportunities for this week*

Welcome to the Brandermill Church! We're glad you're here!
Happy Mother's Day from TBC!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship **TODAY**. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of participants forming the Pastor Nominating Committee, to be voted on by those disciples having their membership here at The Brandermill Church.

THE SUNDAY PARK FOOD PANTRY

We thank you for your continued support, as your generous donations are needed each week to fill our boxes! These are the items needed this week: Canned Chicken, Cold Cereal and Oatmeal. TBC gratefully accepts monetary donations as well. Please note "pantry" in the memo section of your check or online donation. If you are a TBC disciple and are in need, or know of a friend or neighbor in need and they live in the 23112 zip code, contact Barbara Flynt.

KAIROS COOKIES

Please help support the Kairos Prison Ministry by baking homemade cookies. Place the cookies in ziplock bags with a dozen in each bag and drop them in the KAIROS marked boxes in the Fellowship Hall **by Tuesday, May 14**. Please, no nuts, icing or fruit in the cookies. Also, add your name to the Prayer Chain by filling out a blue card or signing up for the Prayer Vigil by going to <https://bit.ly/4bgJONT>. If you have any questions you can email Martin Reid at MartinFreid@me.com.

SEMI-CIRCLE

The Semi-Circle end of the year barbecue will be held on Monday May 13th at 6 p.m. at Elizabeth James' home. 4321 Otterburn Rd. Moseley, Va. 23120. Cost \$15.00 per person. All are welcome.

SCUBA, SCUBA, SCUBA!!!!

Register NOW! Join us July 29 to August 2 to dive into a deeper friendship with God. It will be a week you won't want to miss. Cost is \$25 per child. If you are planning on volunteering and your children are VBS campers, see Mrs. Hawkins before you register for an important payment option. We can't wait to spend the week with you! vbspro.events/p/519c46

FLYING SQUIRRELS FAITH NIGHT & FIREWORKS!

Richmond Flying Squirrels vs. Reading Fighting Phils - Saturday, May 18th! Come early for music and pregame player testimonials. Stick around after the game for fireworks from up close and inside the fences. Gates: 5:00 p.m. First pitch: 6:05 p.m. Tickets are just \$7.00 and TBC has a block reserved so everyone can sit together! <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Brandermillchurch>

Last week's "At the Steps" message from Pastor Arch:

KIDS CORNER TRIVIA

1. What did Pastor Arch have to measure with?

2. What did Pastor Arch use that measuring tool for?

3. Pastor Arch said we should never _____

YOUR NAME _____

Kids: Fill in the blanks and place the tear off portion in the offering plate.



Discipleship Opportunities *on our calendar this week*

Sunday, May 12:

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour
Current Events (CR)
Growing Together (FC)
Tiny Disciples (LL)
Disciples & Donuts (YR)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
10:45 a.m. JAM (Choir)
11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting (SY)

Monday, May 13:

9:30 a.m. MAP (YR)
6:00 p.m. Semi-Circle (off)

Tuesday, May 14:

10:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Team meeting (CR)
10:00 a.m. CCM (YR)
2:00 p.m. JOY (MP)
6:30 p.m. Small Group: Peaceful Neighbor (FH)

Wednesday, May 15:

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (MP)
7:00 p.m. Branderbells (SY)

Thursday, May 16:

10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study (MP)
1:00 p.m. Knit Wits (CR)
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (SY)

Friday, May 17:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry Prep (MP)

Saturday, May 18:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Park Food Pantry (Loop)

Sunday, May 19:

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour
Current Events (CR)
Growing Together (FC)
Tiny Disciples (LL)
Disciples & Donuts (YR)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship (FH)
10:30 a.m. Worship (SY)
11:45 a.m. Pentecost Celebration & Graduate Recognition (FH)
5:00 p.m. Youth: Confirmation Dinner (MP)

SY - Sanctuary **MP** - Multi-Purpose Room **FH** - Fellowship Hall **CR** - Conference Room
YR - Youth Room **Choir** - Choir Room **OFF** - Offsite **NSY** - Nursery **Loop** - Driveway
TC - The Crossing **LL** - Lower Level **FC** - Family Classroom

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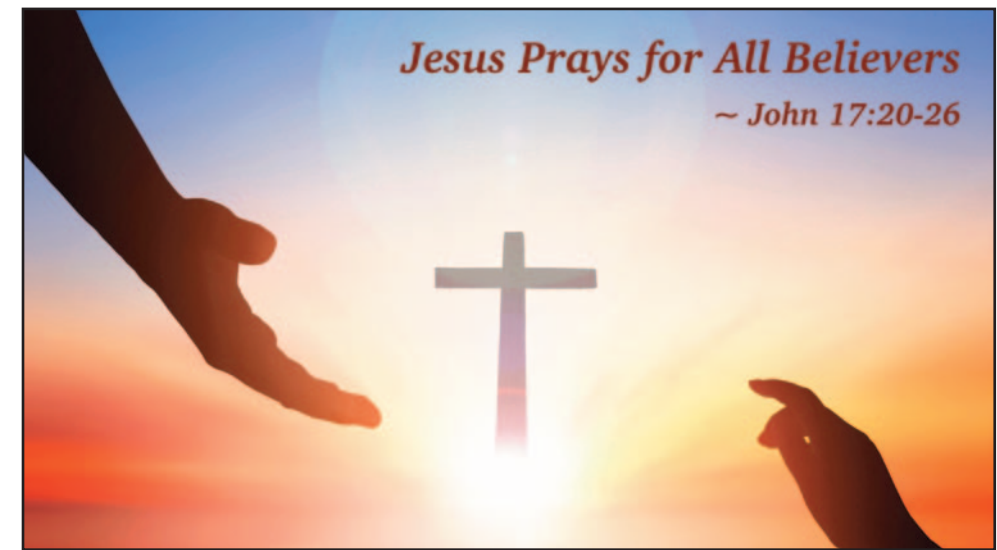
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and Growing Young Together.*

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Jesus Prays for All Believers

~ John 17:20-26

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday, Mother's Day

Nonsense

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Please print your name and pass the attendance register, found at the end of each row. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about The Brandermill Church, please provide your email address and we will send you our weekly eNews. Please silence your cell phones, as we prepare to worship God.
Please stand, as able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Arch Wallace, Karli Woodcock

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Arch Wallace, Karli Woodcock

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Martha Mier

* CALL TO WORSHIP

TBC Youth, Emma

One: Today is Ascension Sunday in the year of the Church, the day when the risen Lord completed his time with us and returned to His heavenly home. We celebrate this final step and take comfort in His care for us. And so, we ask: Who is it that wants us to be one with Him?

Many: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

One: Who is it that wants the world to know through us that He has come?

Many: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord.

One: Who is it that wants us to be where He is?

Many: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord of all.

One: Who is it that loves us and wants His love to dwell within us?

Many: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Savior of the world.

All: Let us come then and worship our Lord who prays for us, and wants for us, and lives for us.

* HYMN FWS 2108

O How He Loves You and Me

*O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!*

*Jesus to Calv'ry did go; his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TBC Youth, Emma

Many: Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. **Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TBC Youth, Emma

One: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: Amen.

* RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Arch Wallace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

AT THE STEPS

HAIH—the Acronym

Rev. Arch Wallace

ANTHEM

*You Raise Me
The Sanctuary Choir*

arr. Bradley Knight

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karli Woodcock

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-3, 7-11

Karli Woodcock

SECOND READING

John 17: 20-26

Rev. Arch Wallace

SERMON

Nonsense

Rev. Arch Wallace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Rev. Arch Wallace

Many: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

(continued)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Arch Wallace

Many: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Karli Woodcock

OFFERTORY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Larry Shackley

* RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
O Praise Him, Alleluia! Praise Him above ye Heavenly host, Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost! O Praise Him, Alleluia! O Praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Karli Woodcock

Many: Help us be generous givers, dear Lord, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this community. We ask this through your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave all that he was that we might know life in all its fullness. Amen.

* HYMN BCH 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Arch Wallace

* RESPONSE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime.*

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. Joel Raney

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Announcements

and more opportunities for this week

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

We welcome Emma and Karli to the pulpit this morning, as our Worship Leaders. Emma is active in Youth Group and Karli is our Director of Communications. Many thanks to these ladies for helping to lead us in worship today.

TBC 101

The next TBC 101 New Member Class will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at 9 a.m. If you have been wanting to know more about how you can become a disciple of The Brandermill Church, please come to this 45 minute gathering before worship. Please contact Barbara Flynt to let her know if you plan to attend.

GUATEMALA 2024

The team is assembled! There are 13 disciples making the trip this year, and they need your prayers for their health and safety. If you would like to contribute to this mission, it would be helpful and appreciated. As with everything else in the world, the price of travel and supplies has increased. The stoves are \$300 each and the flights are higher than in previous years. Any and all donations are appreciated.

SUMMER IS COMING . . . JULY 4th PARADE HELP NEEDED!

Can you help? We are looking for someone to take charge of our 4th of July float entry. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Joelle Hawkins.

Discipleship Opportunities

praying for each other

PRAYER CONCERNS WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lacey Lee, Eleanor Curtis, Elizabeth & Wayne Paul, Marty Kump, Steve Leonard, Lois Vorhis, Warren Ragsdale, Leigh Lessick, Chas and Elaine Jones, Gail Plante, Wendy Meyer, Mary Jo Redmon, Norman Ceppi, Jim Allen, John Bliedorn, Ginny Brenner, Mary Krouse, Jane Stauffer, Sonja Turner, Rosalie Geier, Gayle Walters, Don Trawick, Hadley Smith, Kit Carson, Bill Kump, Michelle Dougherty, Reed Haase, Shirley Jones, Tom Pakurar, Linda Pierson, Kelly Cook, Wanda Saunders, Barbara Dove, Brian Parker, Betty Hunter-Clapp, Linda Cosby, Dave Hall, Bill Harp, Julie Wilkinson, Jim Mathews, Christina Hughes, Mitch Johnson, Cindy Ebsary, Judith Davis, Brenda Traini, Richard Striker, Dave Stitt

Our love and sympathy to Larry & Adele Fernandez, as Larry's mother died last week.

The Brandermill Church . . .

where YOU are always Welcome!

The flowers on the chancel are given . . .

in honor of my mother, Betty J. Fuller, on her 86th Birthday,
by Kim & Mike Thomas.

Sunday Morning Nursery

The nursery is open at 10 a.m. and continues to be in use throughout the worship service. All children, infants through 3 year olds, are welcome to play any time during the service.

Sunday Morning Jesus and Music (JAM)

Children ages 4 to 5th grade are invited to join Mrs. Hawkins in the choir room downstairs for singing, a Bible lesson and more! Parents may pick up your child after the service.

Please be advised . . .

that The Brandermill Church posts pictures and videos of various events online and in printed materials. Services are broadcast via live stream and digital recording.