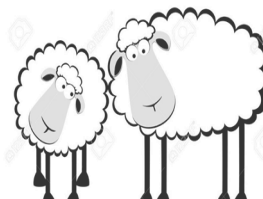




# Flock Talk



**January 3, 2021**  
**Second Sunday After Christmas**

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## Today's Scriptures & Message:

**Liturgist:** Britt Failes

**Hebrew Scripture:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

**Senior Minister—Rev. Day Broers-Case**

**Sermon:** "Visitors from the East"

**Sermon Text:** Matthew 2:1-12

## Serving in Today's Worship:

**Elders:** Cammie Denton and Britt Failes

**Music Director:** Rick Barclay

**Audio/Video:** Art Konnerth and Tom Smiley

**Worship & Wonder:** Don S. and Betty D.

*Thank you so much for all your kind words and gift cards when we left. Our new normal at our daughters' home in NC starts now. When we finally move into our new home in GA we'll let you all know Miss you all - Sue Benitez*

## Praise Reports

Thank you all for the warm reception back to the pulpit. I really enjoy preaching, and it is wonderful to be able to do so before my home church. It will be a while before I can stand that long again, so I really appreciate that opportunity to preach one more time before my surgery.—Jamie

God is Great, All the Time!!

**In essentials, unity.**  
**In non-essentials, liberty.**  
**In all things, love!**

BISCH, Jim and Family++++\*

BUTTERWECK, Jamie++++\*

BENITEZ, Mike++++

BENNICK, Patty and her 3 daughters  
(Diane)+++

CABRERA, Betty+

CASE, Sharon (Rev. Day)+

DIGREGORIO, Robyn+++

EWELL, Stephanie (Powell)++++

GIBERSON, Milton (Tom) & Joan+

HUSKEY, Josh (Powell)++++

Keely—(DiGrigorio)++++

MAGLIO, CJ (Butterweck)+++

## Prayer Needs...

MCMILLON, Andrea

MILLER, Brooke (Blinder) ++

RAYLES, Scooter (Dietz)

REDDICK, Edwina (Cabrera)+++

RIENSCHKE, Nancy +

Samalie and Dean (DiGregorio)+++

SLAMKA, Jack and Kitty (Murdoch)+

SMITH, Tim+

STUEBER, Susan (Solomon)+

UPTON, Jean (office)++

VELEZ, Dadela++++

WALKER, Beth Gerace+++

WALKER, Jerry (Solomon)++

WATSON, Sandy+

WATSON, Tom +

WHITFIELD, Bob +

**\*\* New Name**

**"+" symbols indicate number of weeks remaining on list**

Please also pray for all those affected by Covid-19, our first responders, medical care professionals, and those out on the front lines to protect us.

Please pray for peace, understanding, and unity in America and around the world.

# One Shepherd's Thoughts...



Over the last few months, our souls have been battered by pandemics, race riots, economic insecurities and environmental crises. It seems to me that the whole population of the world is suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome. Awe and wonder are powerful but little recognized tools to help bring healing in the midst of this trauma. And that is where I feel my focus needs to be—helping people tap into the healing power of awe and wonder.

We all need to discover the wonder of a God who loves us and our world passionately and feels deeply the pain of what is happening. We need to re-discover the joy of living in the world as it is now—not as it was or as we hope it will be—and to learn to rejoice in the beauty of the small and the hidden things, the delight of gasping in awe at the created world through which the glory of God shimmers.

We also need to reconnect to the wonder of a vulnerable God who feels deeply the pain of our world and who often most vividly appears in the out-cast, the broken, the marginalized and the abandoned. When our hearts ache—it is God's pain that aches in us. God suffers with us and I am awed by the wonder of this God who is present in inspiring ways in the midst of our lament. I am not sure that my discernment process is over, but I now feel that I have a sense of the next steps and once again it is John O'Donohue who leads me:

"When the heart is ready for a fresh beginning unforeseen things can emerge"

God IS with us!

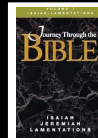
**Rev Day**



Be on the lookout!

The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies online this year and offering curbside pickup here at the church.

Not wanting us to miss our beloved fix this year they have gone digital! Later in January they will send a link which will get published in the Flock Talk, you can use that link to place your order, and even pay! Then on the weekends when they are distributing them, you just come to the church and pickup your yummy cookie fix, and you will know that the added inches to your waistline are going to support troops that are a part of the Brandon Christian Church family.



Bible Study with Reverend Day will resume meeting January 6, 2021 at 2:00 pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634005420?pwd=WmhkeWtJNXNWTjRLTjhsUWxHWC8zZz09>

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