

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Sherry Shifflett
CLASS OF 2020	USHER: Ed Kusper
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2021	Jean Brown
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2022	Dougie Kirkman Cheryl Kusper Nursery Backup (for 3+ babies) Marty Paxton
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Glenda Kirkman Robin Barham

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors meets in the BPC Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Sunday, December 1
ADVENT I
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:00 AM – Member Information Class
9:55 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 2
6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, December 3
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group meets to eat out

Wednesday, December 4
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study in Session Room
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – Choir
7:00 PM – LMCS Bible Study

Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 8
ADVENT II
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:00 AM – Member Information Class
9:55 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, December 9
7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee
7:15 PM – Worship Committee
Tuesday, December 10
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:00 PM – Property Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

Wednesday, December 11
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study in Session Room
6:00 – 7:15 PM – Fun & Fellowship Wednesday in BPC Fellowship Hall (Food – 6-6:30, Activity – 6:30-7:15)
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – LMCS Bible Study
7:15 PM - Choir

Thursday, December 12
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Saturday, December 14
9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 15
ADVENT III
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:55 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
December 1, 2019

“A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!

DAILY LECTIONARY						
Sunday, December 1 <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 24; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 1:1-5, 1:13-2:8 <i>2nd Read:</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 21:5-19 <i>Evening:</i> Ps 25; 110	Monday, December 2 <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 122; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 2:6-16 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Pet. 1:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 21:1-11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 40; 67	Tuesday, December 3 <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 33; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 3:1-11 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Pet. 1:12-21 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 21:12-22 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 85; 94	Wednesday, December 4 <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 50; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 3:12-4:5 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Peter 3:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 21:23-32 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 53; 17	Thursday, December 5 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 4:6-13 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Peter 3:11-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 21:33-46 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 126; 62	Friday, December 6 <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 102; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 5:1-17 <i>2nd Read:</i> Jude 1-16 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 22:1-14 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 130; 16	Saturday, December 7 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 90; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 5:18-27 <i>2nd Read:</i> Jude 17-25 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 22:15-22 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 72



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The Service for the Lord’s Day

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Panis Angelicus”

Cesar Franck

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jenny Linebarrier and Jean Brown

SONG OF ADVENT PREPARATION

*HYMN 2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

People: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Peace be within your walls.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical, we let time go by. With deliverance so near, we linger in the darkness. With Christ as our armor, we yet fear the unknown foe. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment you graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to your will. *(Silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus said that anyone who hears what he says and trusts in God has eternal life. The time is coming, indeed it is already here. All who heed God’s voice shall have life and that, indeed, eternal. Rest in the assurance of God’s grace made known to us in Jesus the Christ. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: Glory to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to the Father”

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.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2:1-5 (Bible, OT p. 631)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24:36-44 (Bible, NT p. 27)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON

William Watkins

*HYMN 171

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBA

from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*ASSURANCE OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

GIVING GOD’S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory

“Adagio”

J.S. Bach

*Doxology 440
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

*HYMN 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

“Fugue”

J.S. Bach

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into membership all who love Jesus Christ, accept him as Lord of all life, and seek to serve him as part of his body in the church. We invite you to speak to one of our elders, greeting you at the door as you leave the worship service.