

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides a Drive Thru Lunch Pickup at BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM. (Please check the calendar below for holidays when LunchPlus will be closed.)

Sunday, January 16

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202
 9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200
 10:00 AM – Worship Service
 3:00 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 17

No LunchPlus Club meal pickup today!
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse
 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
 6:00 – 8:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

Sunday, January 23

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202
 9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200
 10:00 AM – Worship Service

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

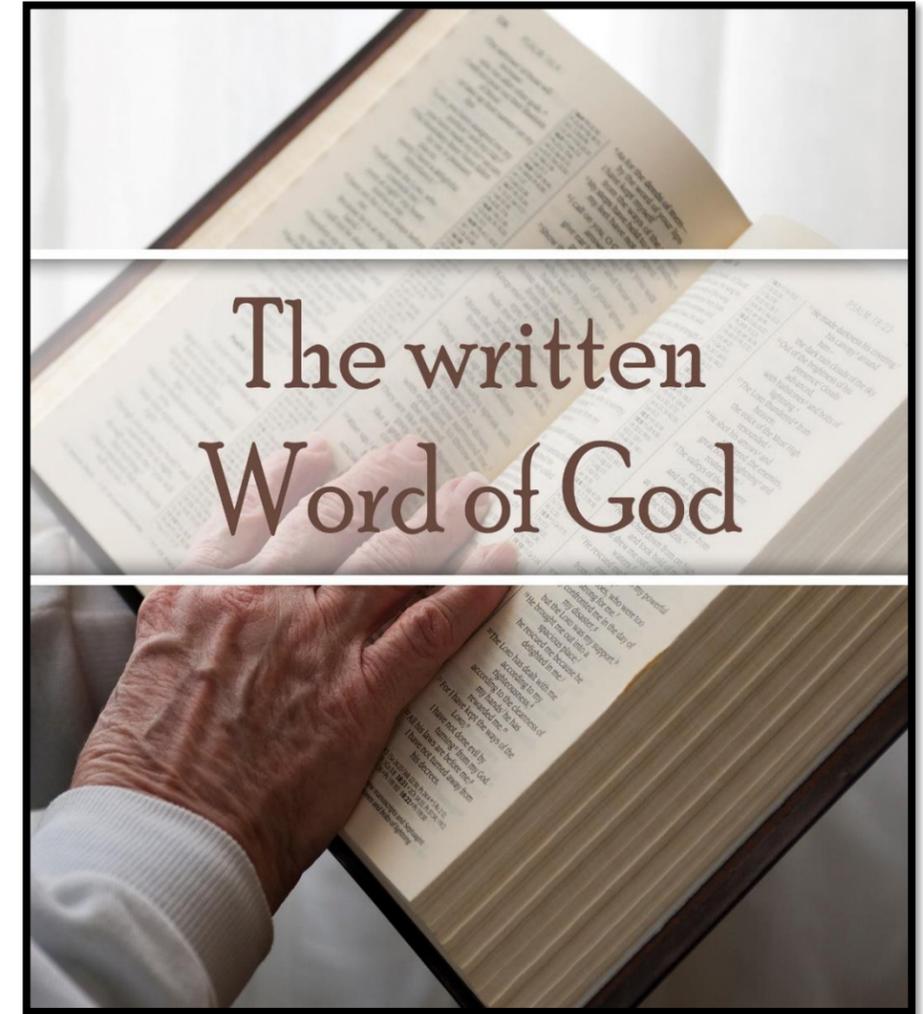
Wednesday, January 26

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 30

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202
 9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200
 10:00 AM – Worship Service

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Nurture</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 January 16, 2022**

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

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. 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!



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The Service for the Lord's Day

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "God of Grace" arr. by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather up all the stray thoughts and hopes and dreams with which we come to this time of worship.

People: **Let us present everything to God today, holding back not a thing.**

Leader: We shall not check our humanity at the door. Our sorrows, our pains, our hurts, our hates will be brought before the Lord in worship today.

People: **We know in our heads that Christ calls us to worship in spirit and in truth; we want also to know in our hearts that this time is ordained by God.**

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, let us gather for the worship of Almighty God.

*OPENING PRAYER

We come to you O God, drawn by the power of your love. We come to hear your good news. We come to find new life. We come to satisfy our thirst for your holy word. We come to feed our hunger for your love. Satisfy our desire for you and give us your peace. May we truly worship you in this hour and with the living of our days. Amen.

***HYMN #53** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
(verses 1-4, [Hymns of Grace](#))

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have sought to follow you without counting the costs. Our tanks are half full and we seek to be filled in all the wrong ways. We confess that we have doubted your word and failed to obey its teaching. In our deafness we have ignored Christ's call to pick up our cross and follow him. Help us take stock of our motives, our intentions, and our needs for the journey, that we may be honest with ourselves and honest with you. Increase our faith and our faithfulness. In Jesus' name, we pray, hear our silent prayers . . . (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

People: **God makes all things new.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** "Glory to God" by Paul M. Vasile

READING Psalm 19
from [Psalms Now](#), by Leslie F. Brandt

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC "Wonderful Words of Life" by Philip Paul Bliss

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:7-10 (Pew Bible, p. 499)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 8:31-32 (Pew Bible, p. 101)

SERMON "The Bible (part 1)" Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith

The Bible is the written Word of God. Led by the Spirit of God, the people of Israel and of the early church preserved and handed on the story of what God had said and done in their midst and how they had responded to him. These traditions were often shaped and reshaped by the uses to which the community put them. They were cherished, written down, and collected as the holy literature of the people of God. Through the inward witness of the same Spirit we acknowledge the authority of the Bible. We accept the Old and New Testaments as the canon, or authoritative standard of faith and life, to which no further writings need be added. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are necessary, sufficient, and reliable as witnesses to Jesus Christ, the living Word. We must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience by the Word of God in Scripture. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God as no other word written by human beings.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Holy, Holy, Holy" by John B. Dykes, arr. by Fred Bock

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we celebrate the power of the redeeming love, we ask that you would receive these offerings and gifts that we bring. By the power of your Spirit, multiply them and use them to bring peace, justice, hope, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

***SPECIAL MUSIC** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
by Cecil Frances Alexander

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

***POSTLUDE** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
NETTLETON tune arr. by Paul Manz

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

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship. We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members and childcare following the Time with the Children for ages two through kindergarten. If you have questions, please see an usher and they will be happy to assist you.