

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides a Drive Thru Pickup at BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM.  
[Note: No meal pickup on holiday dates listed below!]

**Sunday, January 17**  
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
9:55 AM – Worship Service  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, January 18**  
No LunchPlus Club Drive Thru Pickup today!

**Sunday, January 24**  
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
9:55 AM – Worship Service  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, January 25**  
7:00 PM – Session Meeting via Zoom

**Tuesday, January 26**  
9:00 AM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

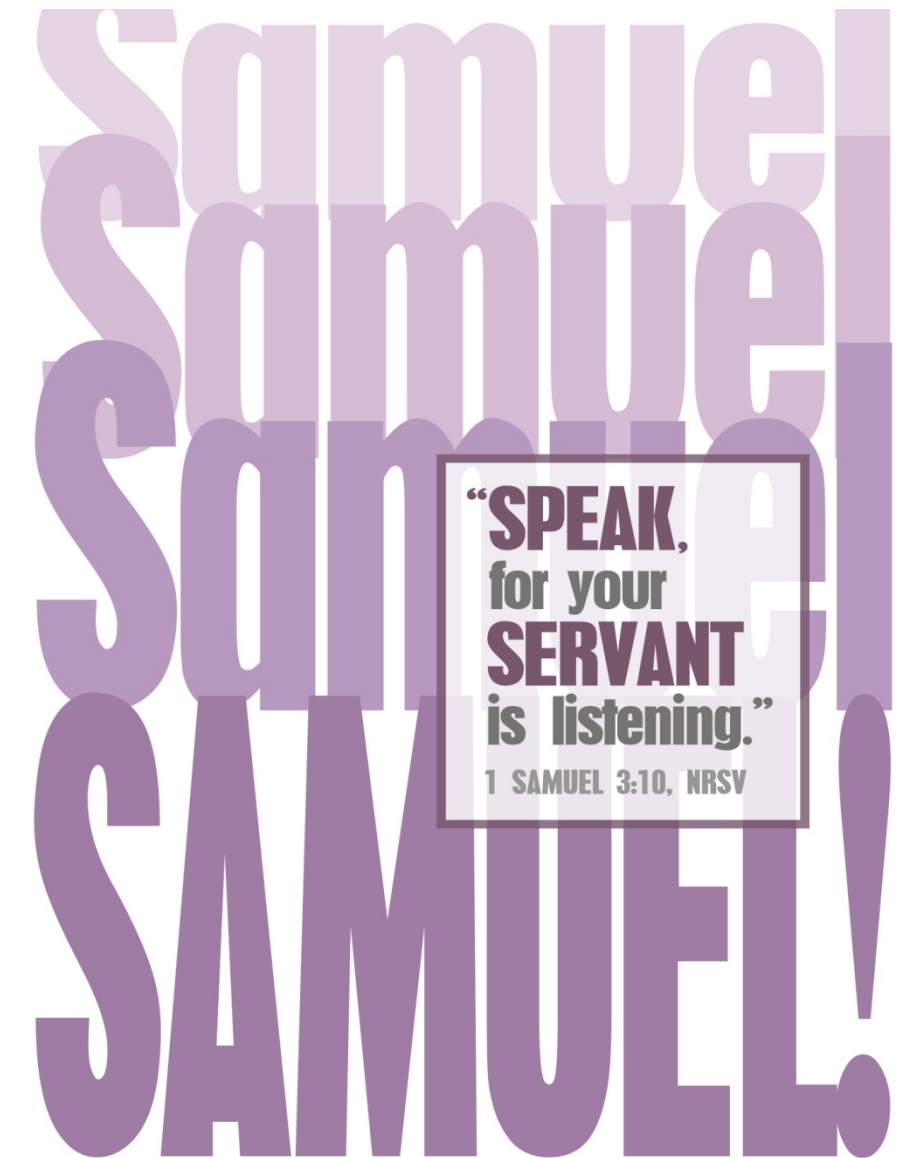
**Sunday, January 31**  
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
9:55 AM – Worship Service  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2021
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
January 17, 2021

*“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!*

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, January 17	Monday, January 18	Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday, January 20	Thursday, January 21	Friday, January 22	Saturday, January 23
Morning: Ps. 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 43:14-44:5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 6:17-7:10 Gospel: John 4:27-42 Evening: Ps. 81; 113	Morning: Ps. 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 4:1-16 Gospel: Mark 3:7-19a Evening: Ps. 97; 112	Morning: Ps. 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 44:9-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 4:17-32 Gospel: Mark 3:19b-35 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Psalms 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isa. 44:24-45:7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 5:1-14 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 45:5-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 5:15-33 Gospel: Mark 4:21-34 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Ps. 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isa. 45:18-25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 6:1-9 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Evening: Ps. 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 46:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Eph. 6:10-24 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## The Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

9:55 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRINITY CHIMES

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Amos 5)

Pastor: We are called to seek good and not evil, that we may live; and so that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with us.

People: **We are called to hate evil and love good, and establish justice.**

Pastor: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

People: **We seek to be a people that embodies God's justice. By the power of God at work within us, may it be so.**

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We grow lax in our discipline, and we disobey Christ. Our faith is flabby when put to the test; our courage vanishes in the face of temptation. Our joints stiffen when we are called to act. We profess loyalty, while our bodies deny commitment. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sin.

We know that your Spirit heals the wounds in our lives and empowers us to extend that healing into the life of our communities. Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be people who live out our baptism and live more fully into its promise that in Jesus Christ there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, or male and female. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(spoken by all)

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.

### THE WORD

#### TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ed Kusper

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:43-51 (NRSV)

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you come to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

#### SERMON

"Your Servant Is Listening"

William Watkins, CLP

#### \*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

#### \*AFFIRMATION 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.

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: . . . As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: **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

Offertory

\*Doxology *(Instrumental only)*

\*Prayer of Dedication

### THE SENDING

#### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

#### \*POSTLUDE

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

#### TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship. 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.