

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

**PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

**December 22**

**Concerns:** Ray (Fred), Sharon (Fred), Carol/Crystal/Jared (Carol)

**December 29**

**Joy:** Sterling leading service (Marcia), Ryan (Betty)

**Concerns:** Jewish people at New York attack (Sterling), 13 year old death and 2 others injured at Concord Mills (Amy), Sister-in-law's sister passed away (Hannah), Ed (Cheryl), Margaret (Jenny), Sherri (Connie), Linda (Fred)

**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, January 5**

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
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

**Monday, January 6**

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

**Tuesday, January 7**

6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group in the Session Room

**Wednesday, January 8**

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study in the 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, January 9**

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

**Saturday, January 11**

9:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 12**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, January 13**

7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee  
7:15 PM – Worship Committee

**Tuesday, January 14**

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee  
6:00 PM – Property Committee  
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee  
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

**Wednesday, January 15**

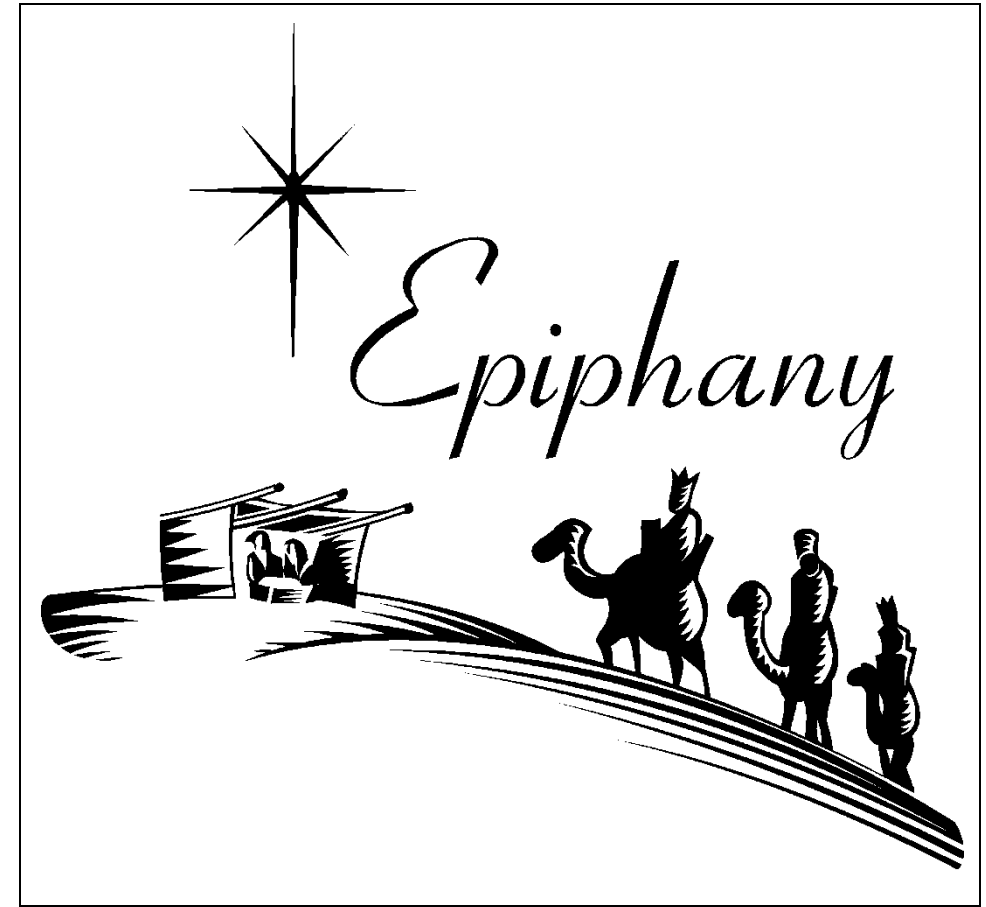
10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study in the Session Room  
11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan's Roadhouse  
6:30 PM – Youth Choir  
7:00 PM – Choir  
7:00 PM – LMCS Bible Study

**Thursday, January 16**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat  
5:00 – 8:00 PM – "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat

**Sunday, January 19**

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!  
January 5, 2020**

***"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!*



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DAILY LECTIONARY						
Sunday, January 5	Monday, January 6	Tuesday, January 7	Wednesday, January 8	Thursday, January 9	Friday, January 10	Saturday, January 11
<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 99; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Kings 3:5-14 <i>2nd Read:</i> Col. 3:12-17 <i>Gospel:</i> John 6:41-47 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 96; 110	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 72; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Isaiah 49:1-7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 21:22-27 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 12:14-21 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 100; 67	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 46 or 97; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Deut. 8:1-3 <i>2nd Read:</i> Col. 1:1-14 <i>Gospel:</i> John 6:30-33, 48-51 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 27; 93 or 114	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 46 or 47; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Exodus 17:1-7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Col. 1:15-23 <i>Gospel:</i> John 7:37-52 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 27; 93 or 114	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 46 or 47; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Isaiah 45:14-19 <i>2nd Read:</i> Col. 1:24-2:7 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:12-19 <i>Eve of Baptism of the Lord Read:</i> Isaiah 61:1-9 <i>Eve of Baptism of the Lord Read:</i> Gal. 3:23-29; 4:4-7 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 27; 93 or 114	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 46 or 47; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Isaiah 65:1-9 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 3:1-6 <i>Gospel:</i> John 6:1-14 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 27; 93 or 114	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 46 or 47; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Isaiah 65:13-16 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 3:7-13 <i>Gospel:</i> John 6:15-27 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 27; 93 or 114

# The Service for the Lord's Day The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020

9:55 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" from *The Messiah*  
G.F. Handel

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **TRINITY CHIMES**

### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

**\*HYMN 2086** "Open Our Eyes" OPEN OUR EYES  
from Sing the Faith Hymnal

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: **Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the promise of the Lord.**

All: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 63** "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX  
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In him you have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which you in your goodness created for our habitation. In your mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways. In Christ's mercy we pray. Amen. *[Please take a moment for silent prayer and confession.]*

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent.

People: **Like "rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water earth," God's goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

Leader: Through that child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God's mercy and assurance of pardon.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **\*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** Jimmie Melton

**EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 3:1-12 (Bible, OT p. 193)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 2:1-12 (Bible, NT p. 2)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Home By Another Way" Rev. Meg Shaw Skidmore

**\*HYMN69** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET  
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER** (see insert) Alan Christy

### **\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Congregation: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in Him.**

### **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 "Sing We Now of Christmas" Traditional French Carol  
"What Child Is This" Traditional English Carol

\*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 29** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT  
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

### **\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** Variation on "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Traditional French Carol

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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.