

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.

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 9

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

Monday, January 10

Annual Meeting Reports due to church office
7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM – Communications Committee via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 13

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, January 16

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

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

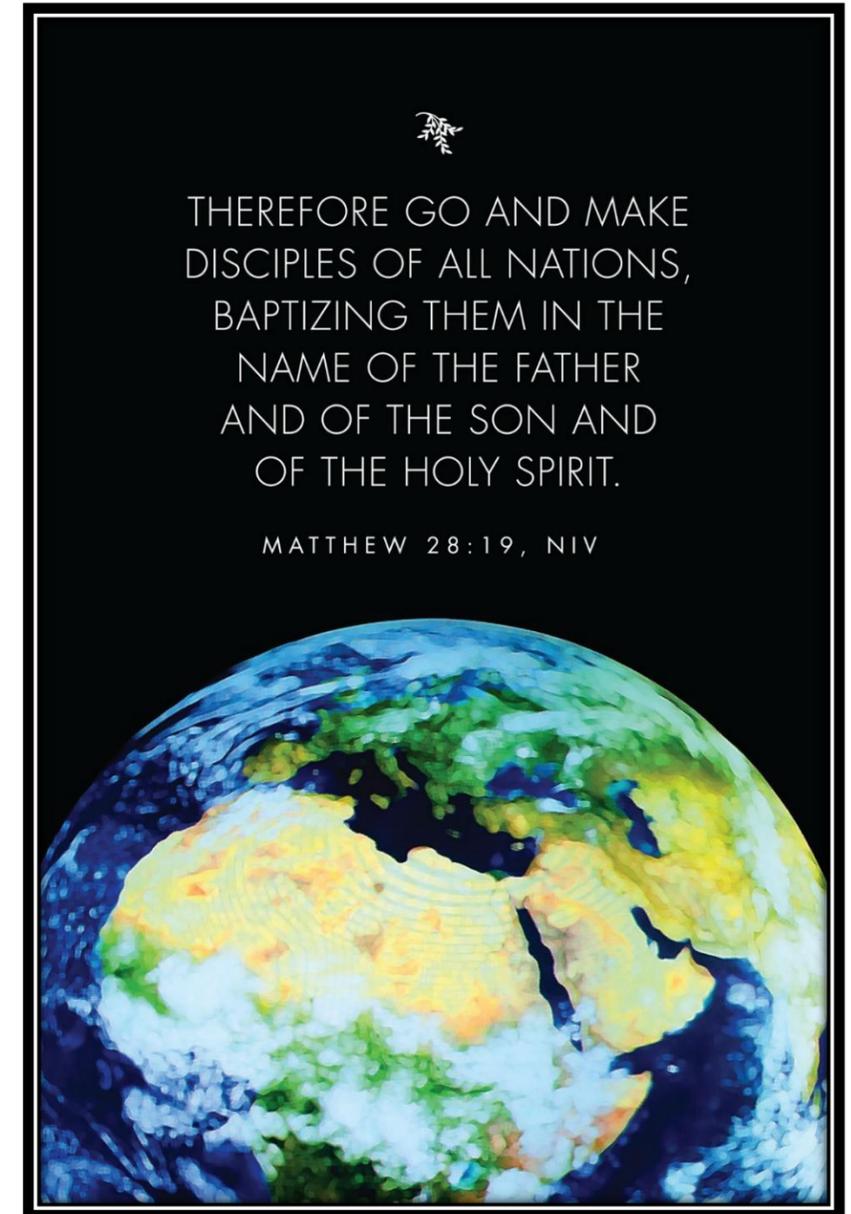
Thursday, January 20

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

| THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH | CLASS OF 2022 |
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| 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 9, 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 Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "I Lift My Eyes" based on the tune "Jerusalem"
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, lyrics based on Psalm 121

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of God who is love.

People: God's love flows down on us like a waterfall, drenching us with his love.

Leader: We come as a people longing for water, thirsty and parched.

People: May we be filled with God's love of living water.

Leader: We come ready to rededicate our lives to God and God's purposes.

People: In baptism we belong to God.

Leader: Let us rejoice and worship together.

***HYMN #104** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(verses 1-3, Hymns of Grace)

(As you "sing" in your hearts this morning, remember that the first verse asks us to "tune" our hearts as individuals, as a collective body of believers, and as members of God's creation to "sing of God's grace."

He has "sought" us, "rescued" us, and "bought" us with his precious blood.

Tuning is a musical reference which requires listening, adjusting, reworking . . . Open your hearts this morning.)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in your church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism; forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. O Lord, hear our silent confessions .

.. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: We are children of God.

People: We are Baptized into the family of faith.

Leader: The Good news is this, when we come confessing our sins, we are forgiven. Know this truth in your core and forgive yourselves.

People: We will live as a forgiven people.

Leader: We are children of God.

People: Alleluia. Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

MUSIC "Holy Spirit" Francesca Battistelli
(Vocalist, Hannah Jackson)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl Kusper

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 670)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Matthew 13:13-17 (Pew Bible, p. 14)
Matthew 28:16-20 (Pew Bible, p. 34)

SERMON "Baptism and Life" Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession of 1967

By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to men and women in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound us to God's very self. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory "How Great Thou Art" Stuart K. Hine composer,
arrangement by Fred Bock

*Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, may your light shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need. As rushing currents and flowing glaciers carve deep canyons, guide your church in harnessing the power of all the baptized who live and serve under the cross of Christ.

People: Hear us, O God.

Leader: As the waters of the Jordan washed the sinless One, so may we strive to follow Jesus' righteous example even as we trust in his forgiveness for our failings.

People: Hear us, O God.

Leader: As refreshing waters sustain all life on earth, help nations to provide clean water to all people, so that no one need suffer from the lack of it. We pray for all those in need of fresh water.

People: Hear us, O God.

Leader: As nourishing rains and snow renew the parched earth, bring healing to those who dwell in the desert places of the heart. We pray for all who are troubled, afraid, or sick.

People: Hear us, O God.

Leader: As sparkling waters dance in the splashes of baptism, fill us with joy as we awaken to each new day of grace. Replenish us as we pray the prayer you taught us ...

People: 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.

THE SENDING

***MUSIC** "Be Thou My Vision"
(Vocalist, Michael Card)

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

***POSTLUDE** "Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit" Gaelic tune,
variation arranged by Charles Callahan

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