

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Evening Prayer" E. Humperdinck
 *Doxology (sung)
**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 #375 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
 ("Hymns of Grace")

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE "Trumpet Tune" David N. Johnson

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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.

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.

Sunday, October 17
 9:00 AM - Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM - Worship Service

Monday, October 18
 7:00 PM - Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 19
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 20
 11:30 AM - LUNCH OUT at Logan's Roadhouse
 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 21
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat
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Saturday, October 23
 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Girl Scouts Archery Club - field, pavilion & basement

Sunday, October 24
 9:00 AM - Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM - Worship Service

Tuesday, October 26
 9:30 AM - Presbytery of Charlotte Meeting at Rocky River PC

Wednesday, October 27
 7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 29
 1:00 PM - Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

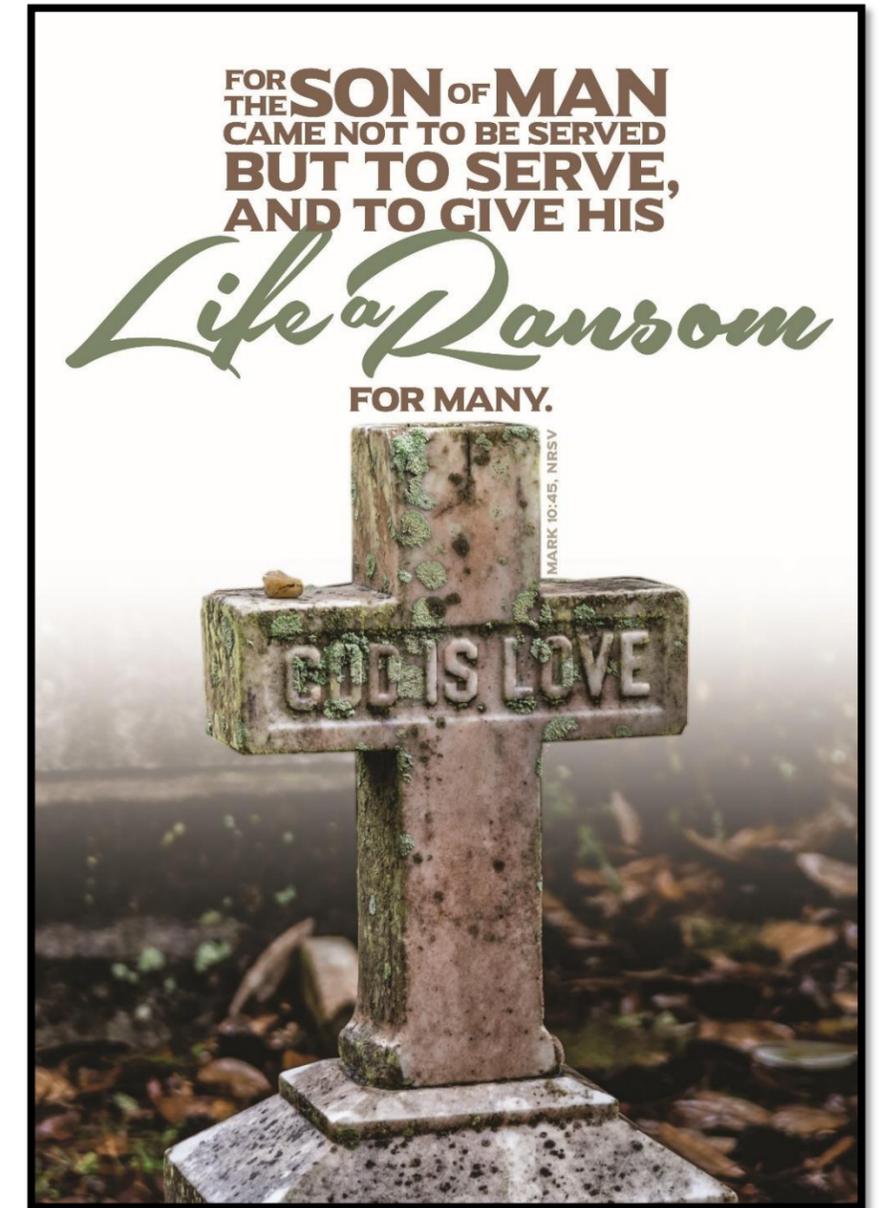
Sunday, October 31
 REFORMATION SUNDAY
 9:00 AM - Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM - Worship Service with Communion and All Saints' Remembrance

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Marsha Johnson, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Doug 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>



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 October 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, October 17 Morning: Ps. 67; 150 1 st Read: Jer. 29:1, 4-14 alt. 1 st Read: Jeremiah 39:11-40:6 2 nd Read: Acts 16:6-15 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Monday, October 18 Morning: Ps. 57; 145 1 st Read: Jer. 44:1-14 alt. 1 st Read: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 15:30-41 Gospel: Mt. 11:16-24 Evening: Ps. 85; 47	Tuesday, October 19 Morning: Ps. 54; 146 1 st Read: Lam. 1:1-5(6-9)10-12 alt. 1 st Read: Jeremiah 40:7-41:3 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 15:41-50 Gospel: Mt. 11:25-30 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Wednesday, October 20 Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Lam. 2:8-15 alt. 1 st Read: Jer. 41:4-18 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 15:51-58 Gospel: Matthew 12:1-14 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Thursday, October 21 Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Ezra 1:1-11 alt. 1 st Read: Jer. 42:1-22 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 16:1-9 Gospel: Mt. 12:15-21 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Friday, October 22 Morning: Ps. 88; 148 1 st Read: Ezra 3:1-13 alt. 1 st Read: Jeremiah 43:1-13 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 16:10-24 Gospel: Mt. 12:22-32 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Saturday, October 23 Morning: Ps. 122; 149 1 st Read: Ezra 4:7, 11-24 alt. 1 st Read: Jer. 44:1-14 2 nd Read: Philemon 1-25 Gospel: Mt. 12:33-42 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

The Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE from "Sonata II" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

People: where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.

Leader: Welcome to this place – full of music, of words, of prayer – yet also filled with danger:

People: where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.

Leader: Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

People: where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.

***HYMN #31** "This Is My Father's World"
("Hymns of Grace")

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We do not pray in order to alleviate our guilt, but to express our gratitude to God. For we know all the things we have said and done that we shouldn't, and all those words we could have spoken, all those actions we could have undertaken, but did not. Despite such lives, God still loves us, surrounding us with mercy and hope, waiting to restore us to new life. Please join me, as we pray together saying,

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor.

Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful disciples.
(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The One who poured the foundations of creation fills us with grace and hope. The One who numbered the clouds, tips over rain barrels of living water into our parched souls.

People: The One who writes anthems for the early morning stars, fills us with songs of joy. The One who provides food for all living things, feeds us with mercies which come fresh and new each day. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *(sung)*

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

Richie Goodman and Ed Kusper

ANTHEM "On Eagle's Wings"
words and music by Michael Joncas, arranged by Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl Kusper

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Job 38:1-7 (34-41) (Pew Bible, OT, p. 484)

38 ¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? ³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, ³⁸when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? ³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? ⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 10:35-45 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 47)

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON Rev. Debi Madden

***HYMN #87** "Love of God"
("Hymns of Grace")

***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

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.