

THE SENDING

CLOSING MUSIC "May The God of Hope Go with Us"

May the God of hope go with us every day,
 filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,
 bringing light and hope to every land and race.
 Praying, let us work for peace;
 singing, share our joy with all;
 working for a world that's new,
 faithful when we hear Christ's call.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In" Arr. Bill Wolaver

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TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC	LOOKING AHEAD
The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides Indoor Dining and Meal Pickup in the BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday. Doors open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch serving times 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM.	
<p>Sunday, October 2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received 9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>Tuesday, October 4 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM – Circle 1 in Session Room</p> <p>Wednesday, October 5 5:30 PM – GIFT Program 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, October 6 10:00 AM – Bible Study 6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Sunday, October 9 9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service 2:00 PM – CROP Hunger Walk begins at Kimball Lutheran Church (Registration begins at 1:00 PM) 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Conversations of Hope with Ada Bowens in BPC Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Monday, October 10 6:30 PM – Worship Committee 7:30 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee</p> <p>Tuesday, October 11 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee</p> <p>Wednesday, October 12 5:30 PM – GIFT Program 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, October 13 5:30 PM – Personnel Committee 6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Sunday, October 16 9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service</p>

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Melissa Wright, <i>Clerk</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Christian Education</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Congregational Care</i> Melissa Wright, <i>Clerk</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 2, 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!

The Service for World Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 2, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "We Are One in the Spirit"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other.

And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.

So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even when our cups run dry,

God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty,

God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren,

God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Heal Our Land"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 2:10 (The Message)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)
Galatians 3:28-29 (The Message)

MEDITATON "One in the Spirit" Rev. Valerie Hicks

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory "Distant Land"

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

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice and peace, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #507 "I Come with Joy"
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues . . .

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.

**THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION
and COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise and children of your word. Send us united together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.