

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SENDING

***HYMN #260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
("The Presbyterian Hymnal")

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Allegro con brio" from Sonata IV
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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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.

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. (Except for Thursday, November 11th, as noted below.)

Sunday, October 31

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion and All Saints’ Remembrance

Monday, November 1
ALL SAINTS’ DAY

Tuesday, November 2

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 3

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 7

GENEROSITY SUNDAY
Daylight Saving Time ends
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

Monday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 9

7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, November 10

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 11

VETERANS DAY
No LunchPlus Clubs Meal Pickup Today!
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, November 14

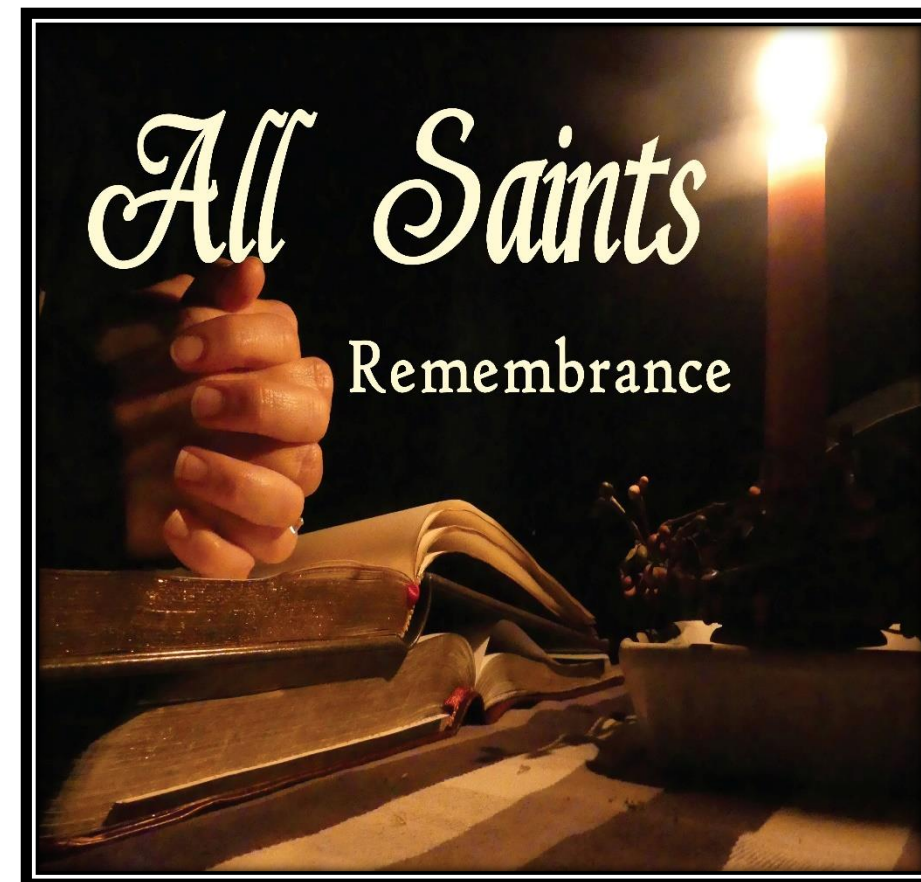
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THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Marsha Johnson, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
October 31, 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 31	Monday, November 1	Tuesday, November 2	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday, November 4	Friday, November 5	Saturday, November 6
Morning: Ps. 103; 150 1 st Read: Neh. 5:1-9 Or alt. 1 st Read: Ezra 1:1-11 2 nd Read: Acts 20:7-12 Gospel: Luke 12:22-31 Evening: Ps. 117; 139	Morning: Ps. 5; 145 1 st Read: Neh. 6:1-19 Or alt. 1 st Read: Ezra 3:1-13 2 nd Read: Rev. 10:1-11 Gospel: Mt. 13:36-43 Evening: Ps. 82; 29	Morning: Ps. 42; 146 1 st Read: Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47 Or alt. 1 st Read: Ezra 4:7, 11-24 2 nd Read: Rev. 11:1-19 Gospel: Mt. 13:44-52 Evening: Ps. 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Neh. 13:4-22 Or alt. 1 st Read: Haggai 1:1-2:9 2 nd Read: Rev. 12:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 13:53-58 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26 Or alt. 1 st Read: Zech. 1:7-17 2 nd Read: Rev. 14:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Ps. 51; 148 1 st Read: Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 Or alt. 1 st Read: Ezra 5:1-17 2 nd Read: Rev. 15:1-8 Gospel: Mt. 14:13-21 Evening: Ps. 142; 65	Morning: Ps. 104; 149 1 st Read: Ezra 9:1-15 Or alt. 1 st Read: Ezra 6:1-22 2 nd Read: Rev. 17:1-14 Gospel: Mt. 14:22-36 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 31, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "St. Anne" Prelude in E Flat Major J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

***HYMN #478** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: When we are faithless, God remains faithful.

People: When we turn away from God, God reaches toward us.

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

People: We will live as a forgiven people. Alleluia! 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

ANTHEM "Behold the Lamb" *(The Communion Hymn)*
Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend
Arranged by Lloyd Larson

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 46 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 517)

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- ³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."
- ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:7-9 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 163)

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:16-21 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 193)

¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON "Life to Come" Rev. Valerie Hicks

***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.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

PRAYER FOR THE SAINTS

***HYMN #526** "For All the Saints"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "The Peace" from Royal Firework Music G.F. Handel

***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 LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.