

A HUNGER LITANY & THE LORD'S PRAYER (please see insert)

Readers: Jean Brown, Connie Goodman, Charles Kluttz

THE SENDING

***HYMN #376** "What Grace Is Mine"
("Hymns of Grace")

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Aria" Paul Manz

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

A Special Thank You

We welcome and give thanks to our guests, Charlie Kluttz and Amber McCullough for the special music during this morning's worship service.

We welcome Ada Bowens, Site Supervisor for the Northwest Cabarrus LunchPlus Club. This Cabarrus County sponsored program uses the BPC fellowship hall to provide a drive thru lunch pickup to adults age 60+ living in Cabarrus County. Meal pickup is Monday through Friday, 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM. Please call Ada at 704-794-7239 if you would like to pick up a meal or volunteer.

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.



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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 November 25 and 26, as noted below)

Sunday, November 14

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

Monday, November 15

3:30 – 7:30 PM – BLOOD DRIVE in BPC Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 16

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

Wednesday, November 17

11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan's Roadhouse
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 18

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat
4:00 – 9:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:00 – 8:00 PM – "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat

Sunday, November 21

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School - Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service
3:00 PM – Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today!

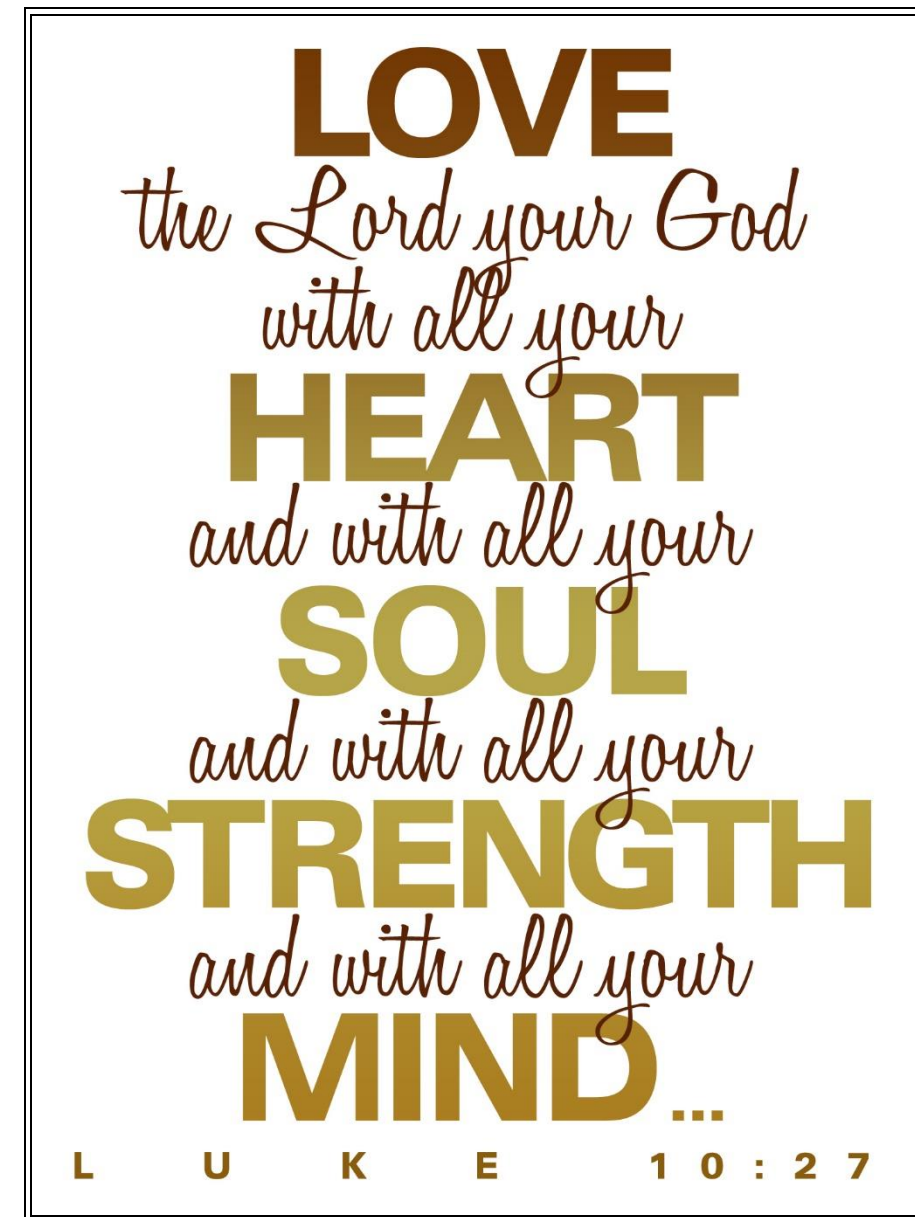
Friday, November 26

Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today!

Sunday, November 28

ADVENT I
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
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 Kuser, <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!
November 14, 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, November 14	Monday, November 15	Tuesday, November 16	Wednesday, November 17	Thursday, November 18	Friday, November 19	Saturday, November 20
Morning: Ps. 67; 150 1 st Read: Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26 2 nd Read: Acts 28:14b-23 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Ps. 57; 145 1 st Read: Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 2 nd Read: Rev. 20:7-15 Gospel: Mt. 17:1-13 Evening: Ps. 85; 47	Morning: Ps. 54; 146 1 st Read: Ezra 9:1-15 2 nd Read: Rev. 21:1-8 Gospel: Mt. 17:14-21 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Ezra 10:1-17 2 nd Read: Rev. 21:9-21 Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Nehemiah 9:1-15 (16-25) 2 nd Read: Rev. 21:22-22:5 Gospel: Matthew 18:1-9 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Ps. 88; 148 1 st Read: Neh. 9:26-38 2 nd Read: Rev. 22:6-13 Gospel: Mt. 18:10-20 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Ps. 122; 149 1 st Read: Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 2 nd Read: Rev. 22:14-21 Gospel: Mt. 18:21-35 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Air on the G String"
from *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are hungry, Lord. Some of us hunger for bread and meat.

People: **Feed us, we pray.**

Leader: Some of us hunger for comfort and caring.

People: **Feed us, we pray.**

Leader: Some of us hunger for justice.

People: **Feed us we pray.**

Leader: God of the hungry, fill us with all that we need to be your people.

People: **Praise be to God, from whom all blessings flow.**

*HYMN #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we have failed to see Jesus in the strangers around us. We have been doubtful that prisoners are worthy of our help. We blame the sick and hungry and homeless for their condition. Yet we too have been needy and weak and afraid. We all walk through the same valley of the shadow of death. O God, forgive our self-concern that shuts out others and cuts us off from you. Hear our silent confessions . . . *(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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ada Bowens, Site Supervisor
Northwest Cabarrus LunchPlus Club

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:6-9a from *The Message*

"This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The GOD of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, GOD will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10:25-37 from *The Message*

²⁵Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?" ²⁶He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?" ²⁷He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself." ²⁸"Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live." ²⁹Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?"

³⁰⁻³²Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and

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went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

³³⁻³⁵"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back." ³⁶"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" ³⁷"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

SKIT

"Coming Home"
Heather Kirkman, Guy Kirkman, Chris Ferguson

MEDITATION

Rev. Valerie Hicks

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

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

Offertory

Special Music "*He's Always Been Faithful*" Sara Groves
Hannah Jackson (vocal), Pat Kluttz (vocal), Charlie Kluttz (vocal & piano), Amber McCullough (vocal & guitar)

*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

Lord God, we want to be generous in response to Your generosity. We want to be gracious in response to Your grace. Use us and our gifts to feed the hungry and to change the systems that keep people hungry. Bless these offerings given in the name and for the sake of the blessing one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.