

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING & OUR PLEDGES FOR 2022

Offertory "Just As I Am" arr. by Fred Bock
 *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 #177** "In Christ Alone"
 (verses 1, 3 & 4 - "Hymns of Grace")

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Song Without Words" 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.



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THIS WEEK AT BPC

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, 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

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

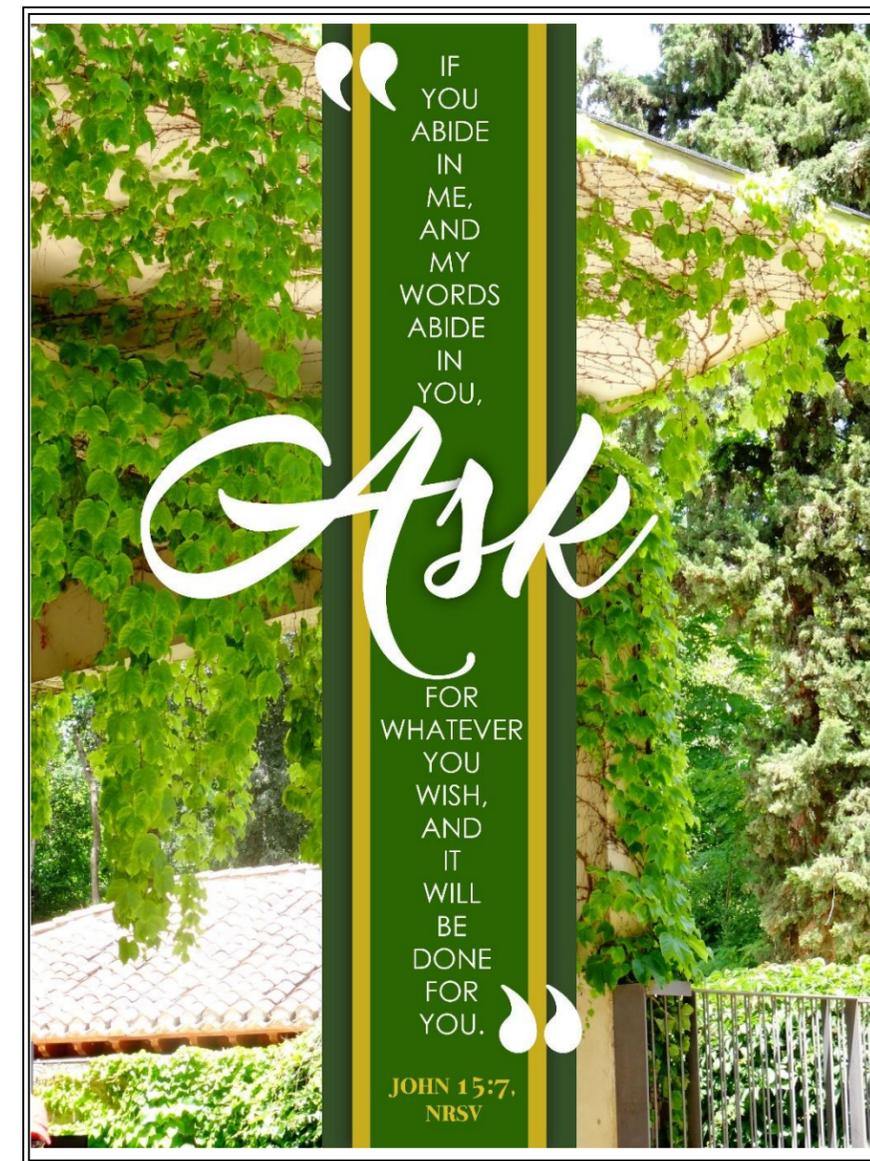
Thursday, November 18

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

| THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH | CLASS OF 2022 |
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| 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 |
| 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 7, 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 7 | Monday, November 8 | Tuesday, November 9 | Wednesday, November 10 | Thursday, November 11 | Friday, November 12 | Saturday, November 13 |
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| Morning: Ps. 19; 150 1 st Read: Ezra 10:1-17 or alt. 1 st Read: Nehemiah 1:1-11 2 nd Read: Acts 24:10-21 Gospel: Luke 14:12-24 Evening: Ps. 81; 113 | Morning: Ps. 135; 145 1 st Read: Neh. 9:1-15 (16-25) or alt. 1 st Read: Nehemiah 2:1-20 2 nd Read: Rev. 18:1-8 Gospel: Mt. 15:1-20 Evening: Ps. 97; 112 | Morning: Ps. 123; 146 1 st Read: Neh. 9:26-38 or alt. 1 st Read: Nehemiah 4:1-23 2 nd Read: Rev. 18:9-20 Gospel: Mt. 15:21-28 Evening: Psalms 30; 86 | Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 or alt. 1 st Read: Neh. 5:1-19 2 nd Read: Rev. 18:21-24 Gospel: Matthew 15:29-39 Evening: Psalms 48; 4 | Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Neh. 6:1-19 2 nd Read: Rev. 19:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 16:1-12 Evening: Psalms 80; 27 | Morning: Ps. 130; 148 1 st Read: Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47 2 nd Read: Rev. 19:11-16 Gospel: Mt. 16:13-20 Evening: Ps. 32; 139 | Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Read: Neh. 13:4-22 2 nd Read: Rev. 20:1-6 Gospel: Mt. 16:21-28 Evening: Psalms 118; 111 |

The Service for the Lord's Day

Generosity Sunday

November 7, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing for joy to God, all the earth;

People: Worship with songs and shouts of joy!

Leader: Sing praise to God! Play music on the harps!

People: Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Holy One of Israel!

Leader: Roar, sea, and every creature in you;

People: Sing, earth, and all who live on you!

Leader: Clap your hands, you rivers; you hills, sing together before God.

People: God comes to rule the earth, and to govern the peoples of the earth with justice and fairness.

***HYMN #26** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
(“Hymns of Grace”)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have embraced the sentimentality of our faith and disregarded your demands for justice. We have rejected you and deny your Spirit's work in our world. Forgive us for our refusal to be active in the building of your kingdom. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Gracious God, have mercy on us and hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God is a God of Second Chances. God is a God of New Beginnings.

People: God makes all things new.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Arise and live a new life in Christ.

People: We will live as forgiven people. Thanks be to God. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING
1 Samuel 3:1-18 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 247)

³¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

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¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 109)

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

SERMON "Abide and Risk" Rev. Valerie Hicks

***HYMN #316** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"
(verses 1 & 4 - "Hymns of Grace")

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the Uniting Church of Australia

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, We acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards the promised goal; on the way, Christ feeds us with word and sacrament, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ's gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died, and we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus.

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.