

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory
"He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd" from *The Messiah*
 G.F. Handel

*Doxology 440
**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 8** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* TRURO
 from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** *"Trumpet Tune"* Andrew Carter

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

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Sherry Shifflett
CLASS OF 2020	USHER: Ed Kusper
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	LECTOR Jean Brown
CLASS OF 2021	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	Brandi Lackey Glenda Kirkman Nursery Backup (for 3+ babies) Melissa Wright
CLASS OF 2022	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>	Christel Josey & Marsha Johnson

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

December 8
Concerns: Linda (Janice), Xavier, Military away from family during holidays (Sherry)

THIS WEEK AT BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors meets in the BPC Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
They will NOT meet on December 24th, 25th, 26th! or January 1st!

Sunday, December 15

ADVENT III
 Please bring wrapped Angel tree gifts to the church today
 8:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 9:55 AM - Worship Service
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 16

7:00 PM - Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 AM - Mary's Bible Study in Session Room
 6:30 PM - Youth Choir
 7:00 PM - Choir
 7:00 PM - LMCS Bible Study

Thursday, December 19

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat
 6:00 - 8:00 PM - "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat

Friday, December 20

7:00 AM - 7:30 PM - KAPM's Annual Boston Butt BBQ at BPC (Pickup from 5:30 - 7:30 PM)

Sunday, December 22

ADVENT IV
 Christmas Joy Offering to be received 8:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 9:55 AM - Worship Service
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary
 1:30 - 4:00 PM - Latin Mission Christ Savior in BPC Fellowship Hall

Mon., Dec. 23rd - Thurs., Dec. 26th

Church office closed

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
 NO LunchPlus Club today!

Wednesday, December 25

NO LunchPlus Club today!

Thursday, December 26

NO LunchPlus Club today!

Friday, December 27

5:30 - 8:00 PM - LMCS Youth Meeting in BPC Field, Pavilion & Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 29

8:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM - Sunday School
 9:55 AM - Fifth Sunday Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall
 11:15 AM - Lunch in BPC Fellowship Hall
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
December 15, 2019

*"A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
 yesterday, today, and tomorrow."*

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, December 15	Monday, December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wednesday, December 18	Thursday, December 19	Friday, December 20	Saturday, December 21
<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 24; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Amos 9:11-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17 <i>Gospel:</i> John 5:30-47 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 25; 110	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 122; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Zech. 1:7-17 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 3:7-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 24:15-31 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 40; 67	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 33; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Zech. 2:1-13 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 3:14-22 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 24:32-44 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 85; 94	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 50; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Genesis 3:8-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 12:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> John 3:16-21 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 53; 17	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Zeph. 3:14-20 <i>2nd Read:</i> Titus 1:1-16 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 1:1-25 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 126; 62	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 102; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Sam. 2:1b-10 <i>2nd Read:</i> Titus 2:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 1:26-38 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 130; 16	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 90; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Samuel 7:1-17 <i>2nd Read:</i> Titus 2:11-3:8a <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 1:39-48a (48b-56) <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 72

The Service for the Lord's Day The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!" from *The Messiah*
G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
Richie, Heather and Davis Goodman

SONG OF ADVENT PREPARATION
***HYMN 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that
is in them; who keeps faith forever.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of
the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for
all generations. Praise the Lord!**

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 15** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" LLANGLOFFAN
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have taught us to be patient and promised to
supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting
and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on
brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance
and care you have shown us. O God, forgive our
indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you
showed patience with the world in spite of the cross.
Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have
endurance in spite of our need. [Please take a moment for
silent prayer and confession.]**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Know this, that we are assured of God's forgiveness,
for we have a high priest set over the household of
God, Jesus Christ, the new and living way. Let us then
make our approach in sincerity and confidence, our
guilty hearts sprinkled clean, our bodies washed with
pure water. The giver of the promise is to be trusted.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
**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, Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with
God.

All things were made by him; and without Him was not
anything made that was made.

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness
comprehended it not."

". . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, (and we
beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father,) full of grace and truth."

CHORAL SELECTION "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
17th century French Carol - Harmonized by Benjamin Harlan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:8-16

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the
field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of
the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you
good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
which is Christ the Lord."

". . . And thy came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and
the babe lying in a manger."

CHORAL SELECTION "Child of the Light"
(with "What Can I Give Him?")
Words and Music by Benjamin Harlan

CHORAL SELECTION "Lullaby"
John Ness Beck

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the
government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the Everlasting
Father, the Prince of Peace."

CHORAL SELECTION "Fairest Jesu"
(with "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")
Munster Gesangbuch and J.S. Bach
Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:1-10 (Bible, OT p. 663)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 11:2-11 (Bible, NT p. 11)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Are You the One?" Rev. Meg Shaw Skidmore

***ASSURANCE 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.**

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.**