

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

- Offertory
- *Doxology (*Instrumental only*)
- *Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

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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.

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides a Drive Thru Pickup at BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM.
[Note: No meal pickup on holiday dates listed below!]

Sunday, December 27

- 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
- 9:55 AM – Worship Service
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 28

Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today

Friday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today

Sunday, January 3

- 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
- 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
- 9:55 AM – Worship Service
- 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2021
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>
CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2022
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
December 27, 2020

*“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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, 12/27/2020	Monday, 12/28/2020	Tuesday, 12/29/2020	Wednesday, 12/30/2020	Thursday, 12/31/2020	Friday, 1/1/2021	Saturday, 1/2/2021
Morning: Ps. 34; 150 1 st Read: Isa. 62:6-7, 10-12 2 nd Read: Heb. 2:10-18 Gospel: Mt. 1:18-25 Evening: Ps. 19; 121	Morning: Ps. 2; 145 1 st Read: Isa. 49:13-23 2 nd Read: Isa. 54:1-13 Gospel: Mt. 18:1-14 Evening: Ps. 110; 111	Morning: Ps. 96; 146 1 st Read: Isaiah 12:1-6 2 nd Read: Rev. 1:1-8 Gospel: John 7:37-52 Evening: Psalms 132; 97	Morning: Ps. 93; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Isaiah 25:1-9 2 nd Read: Rev. 1:19-20 Gospel: John 7:53-8:11 Evening: Ps. 89:1-18; 89:19-52	Morning: Psalms 98; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Isaiah 26:1-6 2 nd Read: 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 Gospel: John 8:12-19 Evening: Psalms 45; 96	Morning: Ps. 98; 148 1 st Read: Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16 2 nd Read: Col. 2:6-12 Gospel: John 16:23b-30	Morning: Psalms 48; 149 1 st Read: Genesis 12:1-7 2 nd Read: Heb. 11:1-12 Gospel: John 6:35-42, 48-51 Evening: Psalms 9; 29

The Service for the Lord's Day The First Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 148)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

**People: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you
commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and
women alike, old and young together!

**People: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for
your glory is above earth and heaven.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make
our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to
have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in
accord with your will. We think of ourselves before
others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves
the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is
not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and
make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as
we follow Christ's way. *(Please take a moment for silent
confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we
are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

(spoken by all)

**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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive
adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has
sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba!
Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a
child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law
of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the
Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn
male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴and they offered
a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a
pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon;
this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the
consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had
been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see
death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the
Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents
brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary
under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,
saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was
being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his
mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising
of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that
the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will
pierce your own soul too."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the
tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her
husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the
age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there
with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she
came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all
who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the
Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of
Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with
wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"My Eyes Have Seen" William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to
pray:

**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.**