

**A Special Welcome**

We welcome our interim pianist today, Edward Charles Kluttz III (Charlie). Charlie was born and raised in Concord NC and moved to Winston-Salem NC in 2010 to study voice at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA). He received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from UNCSA in 2016 and has had the pleasure of working with various theaters, churches, and arts councils in the area. Charlie currently works full time for the Yadkin Arts Council where he serves as the Head of Vocal Studies for the Willingham Performing Arts Academy as well as resident Music Director for all of their main stage musicals. He maintains a private voice studio of about 8-10 students each semester and, also teaches the Music Theatre I & II classes for the Acting Out! program through the School of Drama at UNCSA. His main passions are singing / performing, working with young singers / performers, and accompanying students on the piano. His family has been involved in worshipping through music in various churches his whole life. Leading a congregation in worship through music has had a profound effect on him as a human being. Charlie will be with Bethpage through Easter or until a permanent director of music is employed.

**Ukraine Relief**



Make a difference through our Emergency response to Ukraine war through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Make checks payable to Bethpage Presbyterian and mark it Ukraine Relief or, click on the QR code. Pray for those fighting, their families and all the refugees which include over one million children.

**Session Meeting Today**

The session will meet immediately following worship this morning in the session room for the purpose of examining officers.

**Join Us for GIFT Program This Wednesday**

Plan on joining us for our GIFT Wednesday night program which focuses on Moses: the Reluctant Prophet. Call or email the church by Tuesday to sign up for the meal which begins at 5:30.

**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.

**SERMON NOTES**

**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.

**Sunday, March 13**

LENT II  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202  
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200  
10:00 AM – Worship Service  
11:00 AM – Session Meeting with Examination of Officer  
4:00 – 6:00 PM – Conversations of Hope with Ada Bowens in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 14**

6:30 PM – Search Committee  
7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee  
7:15 PM – Worship Committee

**Wednesday, March 16**

11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse  
5:30 PM – GIFT Program  
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 17**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
6:00 – 8:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall  
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, March 20**

LENT III  
9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School - Room 202  
9:00 AM – Sunday School - Room 200  
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Elder Ordination/Installation

**Monday, March 21**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, March 22**

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

**Wednesday, March 23**

5:30 PM – GIFT Program  
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 24**

6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 26**

9:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Girl Scouts Archery Club – BPC field, pavilion & basement  
1:00 – 3:00 PM – Baby Shower for Amanda and David Beam in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 27**

LENT IV  
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
Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</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 Kusper, <i>Nurture</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**March 13, 2022**

*“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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# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE** "Shall We Gather At The River" Robert Lowry

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Merciful God, your ways lead to life, your light shines in our darkness. Strengthen us in our weakness—for so many things tempt us, so many misplaced priorities distract our attention from you. Help us value your enduring word over comforts that do not endure. Help us choose lives of service over opportunities to be served. May we be worthy of our calling, that we might aid others who have lost their way. Amen.

### TRINITY CHIMES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

During Lent God calls us away from the tumult of the world, that we may focus our thoughts on things that are lasting.

**In God's presence we see our lives more clearly; the broken pieces are put back together.**

God calls us out of loneliness into a life of community.

**Worshiping together, caring about one another, we find out what it means to be truly human.**

But God will send us back into the world's confusion and busyness, its brokenness and isolation.

**We will go with serenity and joy, strengthened to be God's servants, the bearer of peace.**

**\*HYMN #81** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### \*UNISON PRAYER

**O God, you know us through and through, you know the many choices we face each day. We choose between right and wrong; we choose between greater and lesser evils; we choose what will be important to us in life. As you strengthened Jesus to choose rightly when he was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and Spirit, when we face temptation, that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to you. Amen.**

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"  
(Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Ed Kusper

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 51:1-17 (responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**ANTHEM** "And No Bird Sang" Douglas Wagner

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

### RITUALS FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**MEDITATION** Rev. Valerie Hicks

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Declaration of Faith

**Jesus lived a truly human life. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself. We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promised to give us through him.**

### GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory "When We Are Tested" Ruth Duck  
\*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

### SHARING OF 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.**

**HYMN #363** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

**\*POSTLUDE** "Matin Bells" Burgmüller

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