

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

- 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.

**Sunday, March 7**

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

**Monday, March 8**

7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee  
7:15 PM – Worship Committee

**Tuesday, March 9**

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
4:00 PM – Confirmation Class via Zoom  
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

**Thursday, March 11**

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

**Sunday, March 14**

LENT IV  
**Daylight Saving Time begins**  
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
9:55 AM – Worship Service  
TBD – Latin Mission Christ Savior  
Worship in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 15**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, March 16**

4:00 PM – Confirmation Class via Zoom

**Saturday, March 20**

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Girl Scouts Archery Event (field, pavilion & basement)

**Sunday, March 21**

LENT V  
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
9:55 AM – Worship Service  
TBD – 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
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Doug Kirkman, <i>Property</i>



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!  
March 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, March 7	Monday, March 8	Tuesday, March 9	Wednesday, March 10	Thursday, March 11	Friday, March 12	Saturday, March 13
<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 84; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 6:9-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 5:1-20 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 42; 32	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 119:73-80; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 7:1-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rom. 4:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> John 7:14-36 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 121; 6	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 34; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 7:21-34 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rom. 4:13-25 <i>Gospel:</i> John 7:37-52 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 25; 91	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 5; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 8:4-7, 18-9:6 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 5:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:12-20 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 27; 51	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 27; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 10:11-24 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 5:12-21 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:21-32 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 126; 102	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 22; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 11:1-8, 14-17 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rom. 6:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:33-47 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 105; 130	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 43; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Jer. 13:1-11 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rom. 6:12-23 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:47-59 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 31; 143

# The Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

9:55 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY CHIMES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 19)

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you set us within the temple of your grace and mercy, hear us now as we confess our sin. We still carry our business into your sanctuary. As we enter our motives are not just to worship your name. We want our needs met rather than Christ's will that calls us. We seek our own satisfaction before we can turn to your ways. As Christ got angry and overturned the tables, keep us from receiving what may be our due. Rather hear our confession and forgive us our sin. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

### \*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

Sandy Gaskey

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### SERMON

"A Little Spring Cleaning"

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.**