

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

- Offertory
- *Doxology (Please keep your mask in place as we sing together.)
- 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

***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 Lunch Pickup at BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM.

Sunday, April 11

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, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Friday, April 16

2:30 – 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts Archery Club (BPC field, pavilion & basement)

Sunday, April 18

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

Tuesday, April 20

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

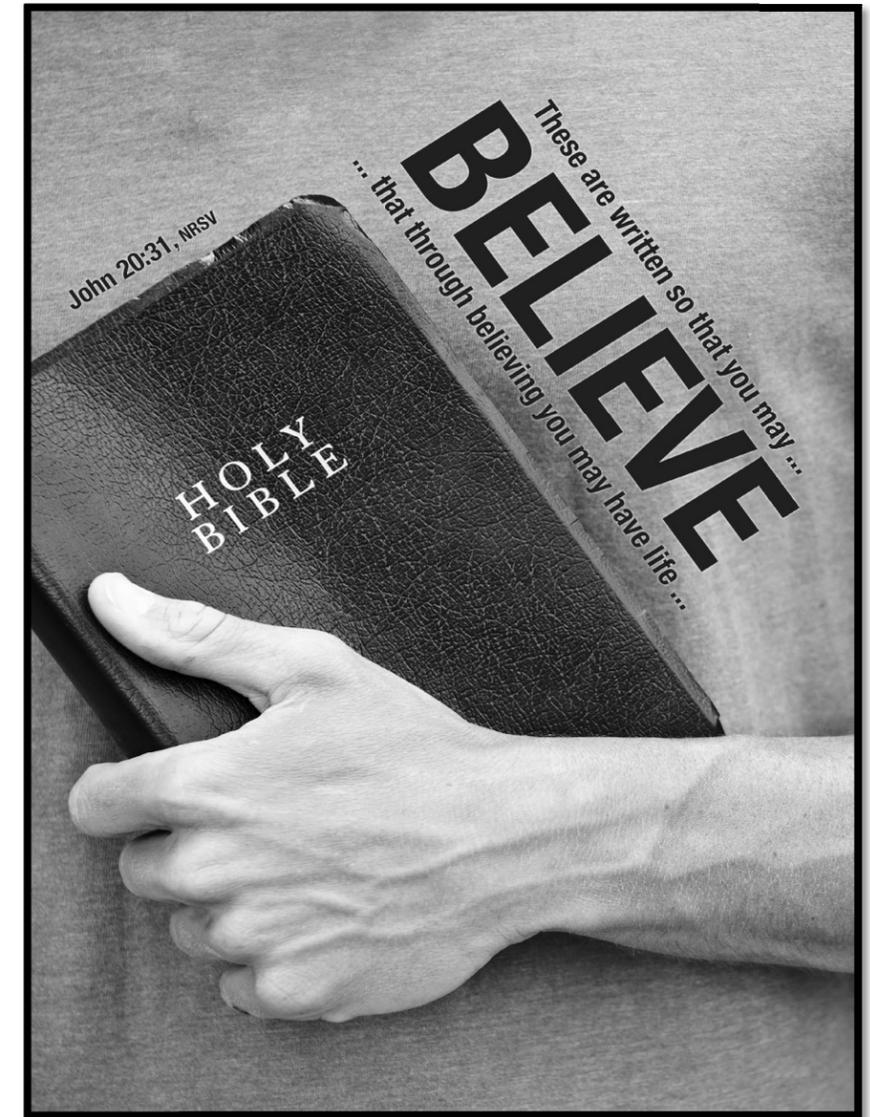
Saturday, April 24

9:00 AM – BPC's Community Garden Planting Day

Sunday, April 25

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> Dogie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
April 11, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, April 11	Monday, April 12	Tuesday, April 13	Wednesday, April 14	Thursday, April 15	Friday, April 16	Saturday, April 17
<i>Morning: Ps. 93; 150 1st Read: Isa. 43:8-13 2nd Read: 1 Pet. 2:2-10 Gospel: John 14:1-7 Evening: Ps. 136; 117</i>	<i>Morning: Ps. 97; 145 1st Read: Daniel 1:1-21 2nd Read: 1 John 1:1-10 Gospel: John 17:1-11 Evening: Ps. 124; 115</i>	<i>Morning: Ps. 98; 146 1st Read: Daniel 2:1-16 2nd Read: 1 John 2:1-11 Gospel: John 17:12-19 Evening: Ps. 66; 116</i>	<i>Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1st Read: Daniel 2:17-30 2nd Read: 1 John 2:12-17 Gospel: John 17:20-26 Evening: Psalms 9; 118</i>	<i>Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1st Read: Daniel 2:31-49 2nd Read: 1 John 2:18-29 Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 Evening: Psalms 68; 113</i>	<i>Morning: Ps. 96; 148 1st Read: Daniel 3:1-18 2nd Read: 1 John 3:1-10 Gospel: Luke 3:15-22 Evening: Ps. 49; 138</i>	<i>Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Read: Daniel 3:19-30 2nd Read: 1 John 3:11-18 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Evening: Psalms 23; 114</i>

The Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 136)

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Who alone does great wonders, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Who spread out the earth on the waters, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Who made the great lights, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: It is God who remembered us in our low estate, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: And rescued us from all that threatens us, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let us worship God!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Easter, in the risen Christ you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love You as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen. *(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

Cheryl Kusper

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Kusper

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2 (NRSV)

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

"Not Until I See It!"

William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.