

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.

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**

Congregational Meeting [Members please remain seated. Visitors may leave at this time.]

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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.

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, May 16

- 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM – Worship Service
- 11:00 AM – Congregational Meeting with Elder Election

Monday, May 17

- 3:30 – 7:30 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 18

- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 AM – Presbytery Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, May 23

- PENTECOST SUNDAY**
- Pentecost Offering to be received
- 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, May 30

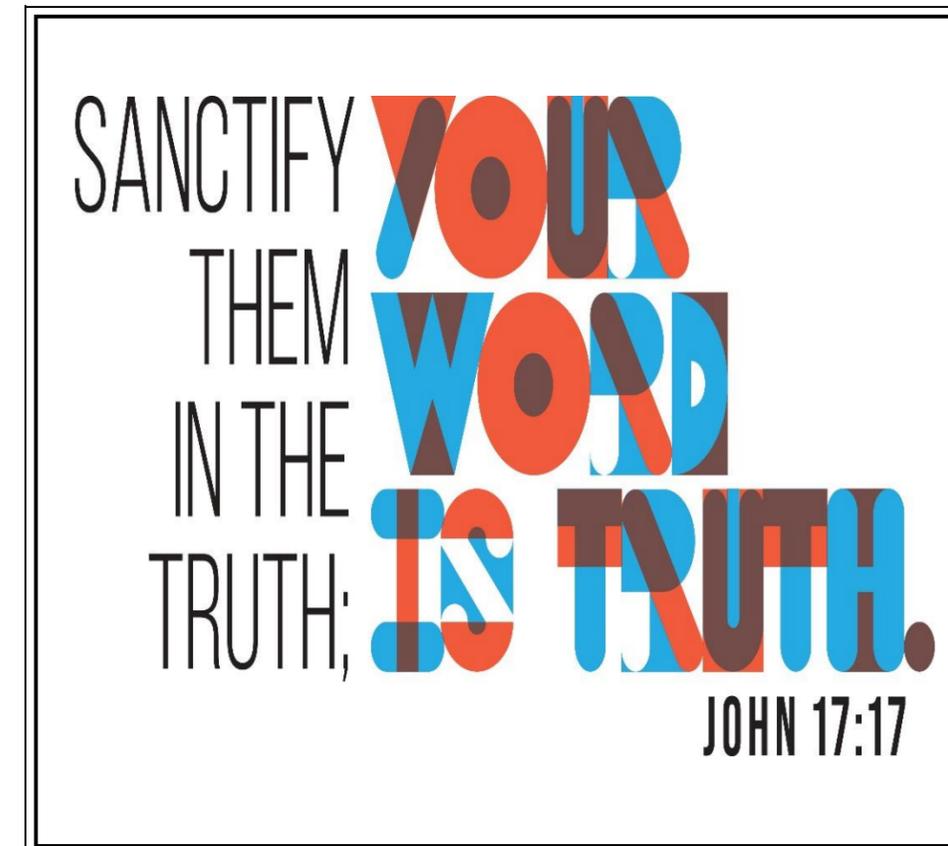
- TRINITY SUNDAY**
- 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM – Worship Service

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2021
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
May 16, 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, May 16	Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	Friday, May 21	Saturday, May 22
Morning: Ps. 93; 150 1 st Read: Ezek. 3:16-27 2 nd Read: Eph. 2:1-10 Gospel: Mt. 10:24-33, 40-42 Evening: Ps. 136; 117	Morning: Ps. 97; 145 1 st Read: Ezek. 4:1-17 2 nd Read: Heb. 6:1-12 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62 Evening: Ps. 124; 115	Morning: Ps. 98; 146 1 st Read: Ezek. 7:10-15, 23b-27 2 nd Read: Heb. 6:13-20 Gospel: Luke 10:1-17 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Ezekiel 11:14-25 2 nd Read: Hebrews 7:1-17 Gospel: Luke 10:17-24 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 19-32 2 nd Read: Heb. 7:18-28 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Ps. 96; 148 1 st Read: Ezek. 34:17-31 2 nd Read: Heb. 8:1-13 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Evening: Ps. 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Read: Ezekiel 43:1-12 2 nd Read: Hebrews 9:1-14 Gospel: Luke 11:14-23 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

The Service for the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(1 John 5:9-13)

Pastor: If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater.

People: Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

Pastor: This is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

People: Whoever has the Son has life. We gather knowing that in him we have eternal life.

All: Let us worship the Lord of life together.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and ever-living God. We confess that we have sinned against you through what we have done and what we have left undone. Time passes quickly and we hurry through our obligations to love and serve you and to show love to one another. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers are filled with empty phrases and meaningless platitudes. Forgive us, O Lord, when our prayers do not lead to engagement with justice and peace.

Help us to find the discipline to be more faithful. Translate our desires into commitment; keep us from putting off decisions that demand energy and effort.

Enlighten us with your wisdom. Awaken us to the abiding testimony of your covenant; illumine the dark places of our nagging doubts.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us when the way seems unsure, and instill within us that measure of confidence that will enable us to act. Fill us with your word and grant us a new beginning in you. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us to be. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we pray. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Kusper

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (NRSV)

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:6-19 (NRSV)

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that

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you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

SERMON

"Elected"

William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

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!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.