

heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 (*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

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.

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.
(No lunch pickup on Monday, May 31st.)

Sunday, May 30

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

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day – Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today!

Tuesday, June 1

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

Sunday, June 6

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
1,000 Can Challenge to benefit CCM through July 31st
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Baptism of Lucy Goodman

Tuesday, June 8

7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Thursday, June 10

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, June 13

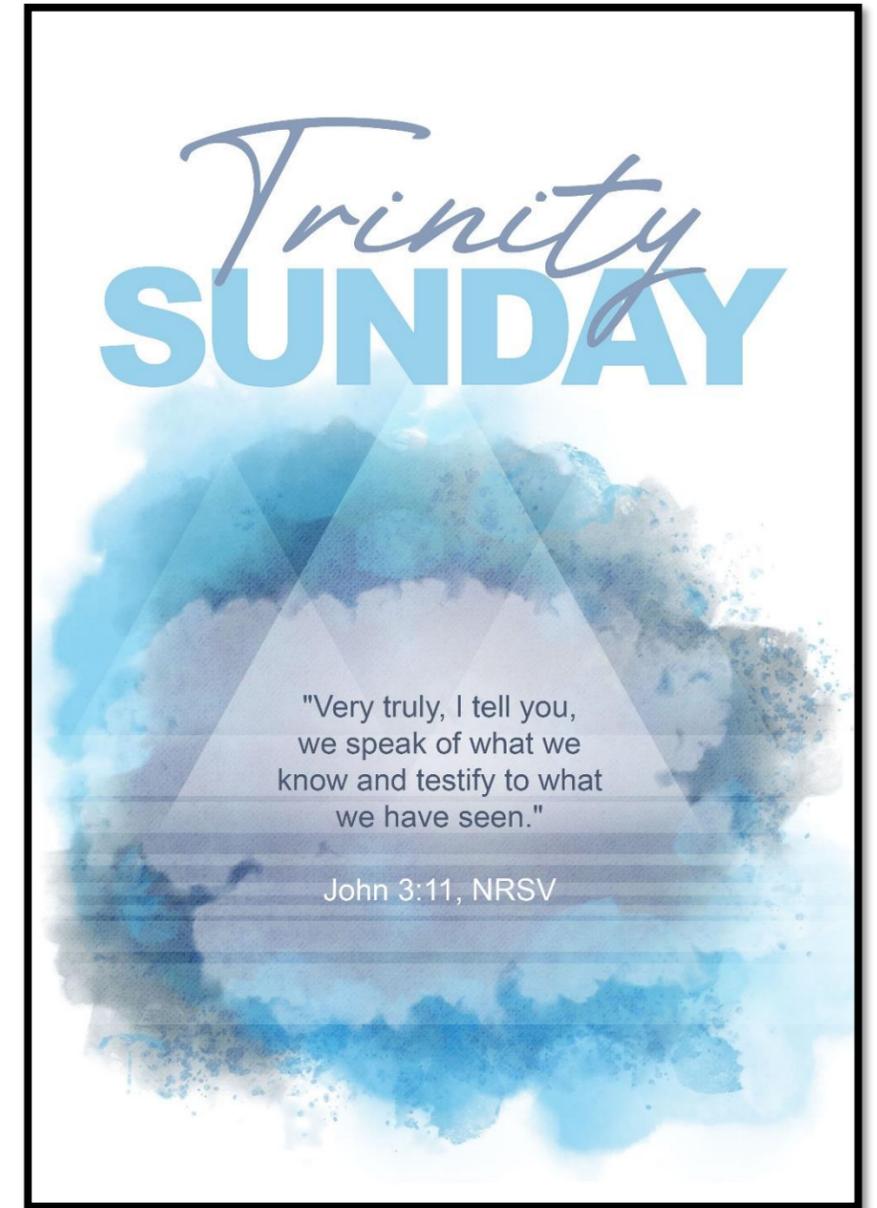
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THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2021
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
May 30, 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 30	Monday, May 31	Tuesday, June 1	Wednesday, June 2	Thursday, June 3	Friday, June 4	Saturday, June 5
Morning: Ps. 103; 150 1 st Read: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (10-15) 2 nd Read: Eph. 4:1-16 Gospel: John 1:1-18 Evening: Ps. 117; 139	Morning: Ps. 57; 145 1 st Read: Deuteronomy 11:13-19 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 5:11-6:2 Gospel: Luke 17:1-10 Evening: Ps. 85; 47	Morning: Ps. 54; 146 1 st Read: Deut. 12:1-12 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 6:3-13 (6:14-7:1) Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Deut. 13:1-11 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 7:2-16 Gospel: Luke 17:20-37 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Deut. 16:18-20, 17:14-20 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 8:1-16 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Ps. 88; 148 1 st Read: Deut. 26:1-11 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 8:16-24 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Ps. 122; 149 1 st Read: Deut. 29:2-15 2 nd Read: 2 Cor. 9:1-15 Gospel: Luke 18:15-30 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

The Service for the Lord's Day

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*LITANY FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
Glory to you forever!

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:
Glory to you forever!

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:
Glory to you forever!

Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:
Glory to you forever!

Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:
Glory to you forever!

Giver, Gift, and Giving:
Glory to you forever!

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:
Glory to you forever!

Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:
Glory to you forever!

Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Stream:
Glory to you forever!

Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:
Glory to you forever!
God who was, God who is, God who is to come:
Glory to you forever!

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Triune God, you so loved the world, continue to love the world and will always love the world. Forgive us for our abuse of your created order and its intended harmony. Forgive us for our violence against our fellow creatures, including those made in your image. Forgive us for our indifference and cynicism, and our callousness. Forgive us for failing to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. Cast out our fear with the faith that you can do all things, and renew a right spirit within us. Raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(sung)*

**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

Jean Brown

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV) [\(Bible, OT p. 635\)](#)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17 (NRSV) [\(Bible, NT p. 93\)](#)

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

SERMON

“What’s the Question?” William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical version)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into

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