

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, May 9

Mother's Day
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 11

7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Thursday, May 13

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Friday, May 14

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

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

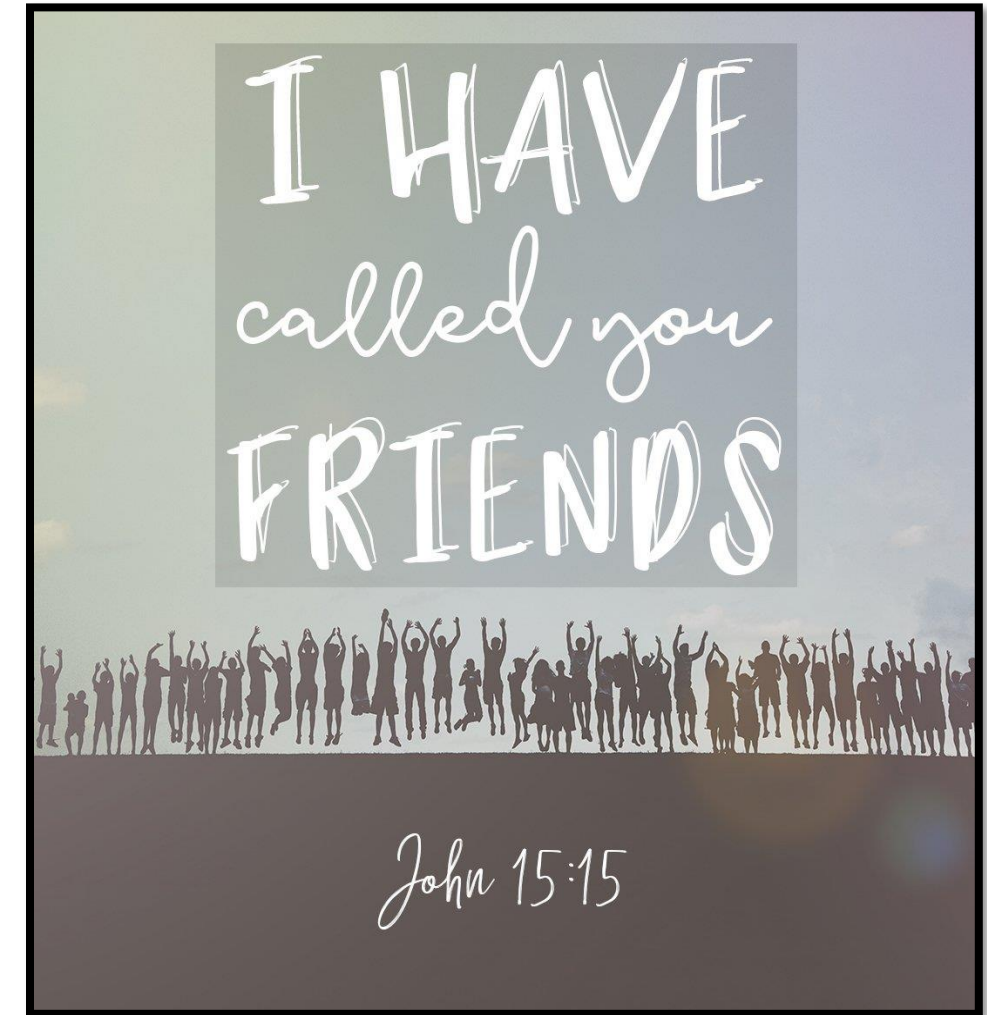
PENTECOST SUNDAY
Pentecost Offering to be received
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

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!
May 9, 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 9	Monday, May 10	Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13	Friday, May 14	Saturday, May 15
Morning: Ps. 93; 150 1 st Read: Deut. 15:1-11 2 nd Read: 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gospel: Mt. 13:24-34a Evening: Ps. 136; 117	Morning: Ps. 97; 145 1 st Read: Deut. 8:1-10 Or alt. 1 st Read: Deut. 18:9-14 2 nd Read: Jas. 1:1-15 Gospel: Luke 9:18-27 Evening: Ps. 124; 115	Morning: Ps. 98; 146 1 st Read: Deut. 8:11-20 Or alternate 1 st Read: Deut. 18:15-22 2 nd Read: James 1:16-27 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Deut. 19:1-7 2 nd Read: James 5:13-18 Gospel: Luke 12:22-31 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28(b) 2 nd Read: Hebrews 2:5-18 Gospel: Mt. 28:16-20 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Ps. 96; 148 1 st Read: Ezek. 1:28-3:3 2 nd Read: Heb. 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 Evening: Ps. 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Read: Ezekiel 3:4-17 2 nd Read: Hebrews 5:7-14 Gospel: Luke 9:37-50 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

The Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 98)

Pastor: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

Pastor: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before God. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for God is coming to judge the earth.

Pastor: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God; We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Indeed, because we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have failed to be a people fully obedient to these commands; we have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.

Gracious God, command what you will, and give what you command. Give us the love that you require of us. Fill our whole heart with love for you that becomes a whole hearted love for our neighbor. 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

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6 (NRSV)

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17 (NRSV)

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

SERMON

"You Are My Friends" William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from "the Belhar Confession")

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest to the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ . . . that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered . . .

We believe . . . that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind . . .

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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.