

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.

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.

Sunday, June 13

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

Monday, June 14

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

Tuesday, June 15

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

Sunday, June 20

FATHER'S DAY
 Father's Day Offering for Children's Hope Alliance
 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

Monday, June 21

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Sunday, June 27

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

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!
June 13, 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, June 13	Monday, June 14	Tuesday, June 15	Wednesday, June 16	Thursday, June 17	Friday, June 18	Saturday, June 19
Morning: Ps. 103; 150 1 st Read: Exodus 6:2-13; 7:1-6 2 nd Read: Rev. 15:1-8 Gospel: Mt. 18:1-14 Evening: Ps. 117; 139	Morning: Ps. 5; 145 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 1:1-20 2 nd Read: Acts 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 20:9-19 Evening: Ps. 82; 29	Morning: Ps. 42; 146 1 st Read: 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11 2 nd Read: Acts 1:15-26 Gospel: Luke 20:19-26 Evening: Ps. 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 2:12-26 2 nd Read: Acts 2:1-21 Gospel: Luke 20:27-40 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 2:27-36 2 nd Read: Acts 2:22-36 Gospel: Luke 20:41-21:4 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Ps. 51; 148 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 3:1-21 2 nd Read: Acts 2:37-47 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 Evening: Ps. 142; 65	Morning: Ps. 104; 149 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 4:1b-11 2 nd Read: Acts 4:32-5:11 Gospel: Luke 21:20-28 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The work of the Creator is visible.

People: Let us respond with praise.

Pastor: The example of Jesus is apparent.

People: Let us respond with obedience.

Pastor: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

People: Let us respond with joy.

Pastor: The Word of God is calling.

All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we are in bondage to a view of the world that puts our compromise before your justice; that is unable to name the worth and wonder of all your children; that places people in positions that threaten the very soul of who they are — the soul that you see as unique and glorious. We confess that, all too often, we are unwilling to tell the truth of the ways in which even those who call upon your name do so for the sake of harm. We ask for your forgiveness. We pray for wholeness. We trust in the promise of your hope. Grant us, we pray, the courage to speak, the power to empower, the mercy to love. Amen. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . In 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

Sherry Shifflett

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), OT p. 259)

^{15:34}Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

^{16:1}The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), NT p. 181)

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

SERMON "The Times They Are A-Changin'" William Watkins, CLP

*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

*ASSURANCE 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.

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