

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, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

We believe

- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. 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
and OUR FATHER'S DAY OFFERING**

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

DAILY LECTORY							
Sunday, June 20	Monday, June 21	Tuesday, June 22	Wednesday, June 23	Thursday, June 24	Friday, June 25	Saturday, June 26	
Morning: Ps. 19; 150 1 st Read: 1 Samuel 4:12-22 2 nd Read: James 1:1-18 Gospel: Mt. 19:23-30 Evening: Ps. 81; 113	Morning: Ps. 135; 145 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 5:1-12 2 nd Read: Acts 5:12-26 Gospel: Luke 21:29-36 Evening: Ps. 97; 112	Morning: Ps. 123; 146 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 6:1-16 2 nd Read: Acts 5:27-42 Gospel: Luke 21:37-22:13 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 1 Samuel 7:2-17 2 nd Read: Acts 6:1-15 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 1 Samuel 8:1-22 2 nd Read: Acts 6:15-7:16 Gospel: Luke 22:24-30 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Ps. 130; 148 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 9:1-14 2 nd Read: Acts 7:17-29 Gospel: Luke 22:31-38 Evening: Ps. 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 9:15-10:1 2 nd Read: Acts 7:30-43 Gospel: Luke 22:39-51 Evening: Psalms 118; 111	

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 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

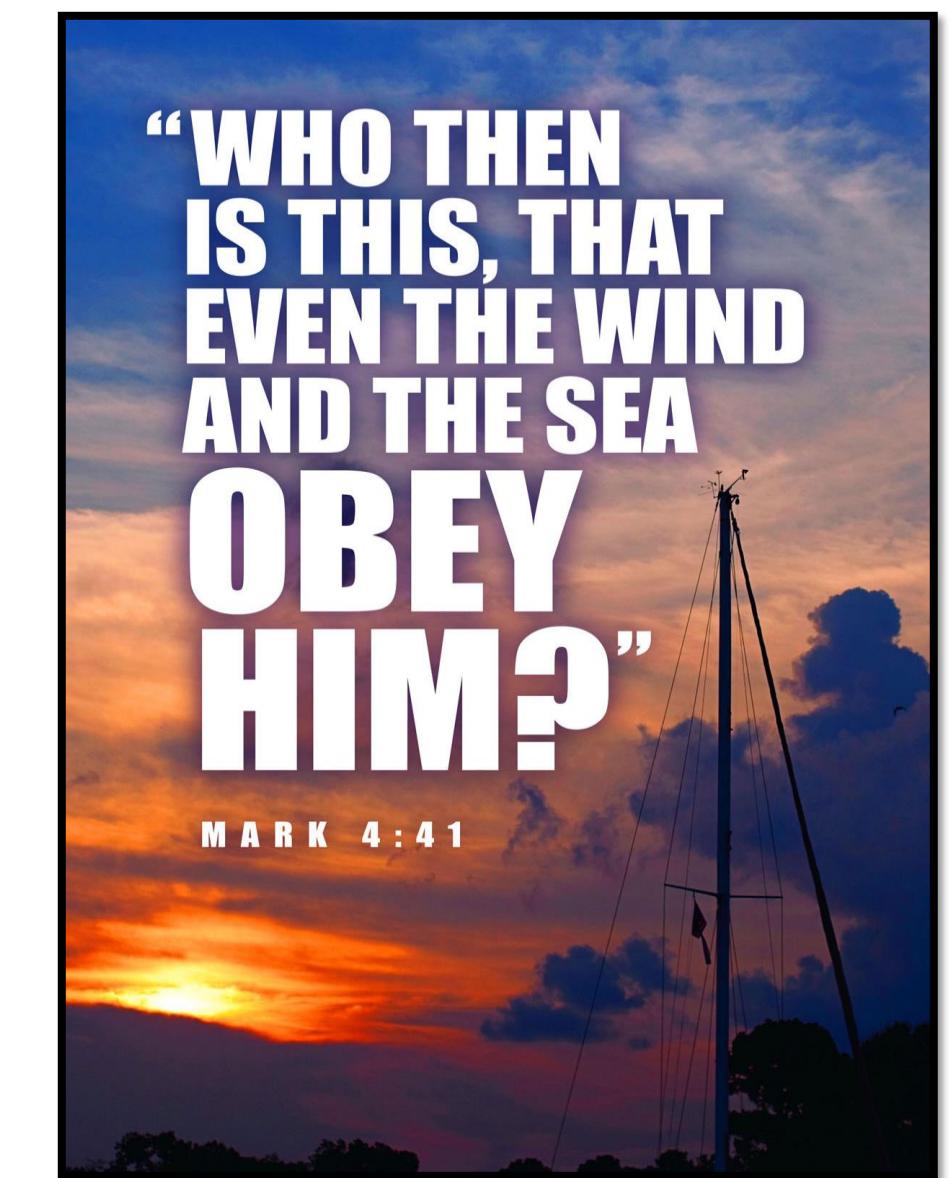
1,000 Can Challenge to benefit CCM through July 31st
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Tuesday, June 29

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Sunday, July 4

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
June 20, 2021

"A family of faith in Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and tomorrow."



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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!

The Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Psalm 9)

Pastor: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

People: For the one who avenges blood is mindful of them; God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Pastor: For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

People: We turn our hearts to you, O God, in joyous thanksgiving and in expectant hope.

All: Let us worship, God, our Strength, our Redeemer, our Sustainer!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, we confess that we come to you in the midst of clutter: we have cluttered desks, cluttered schedules, cluttered minds, cluttered lives and a cluttered planet. The clutter can be like a storm that overwhelms us and distracts us from knowing your presence and hearing your strong voice. We pray for the will to put aside the clutter of life and to listen to your voice stilling the storm and calming the wind and waves. Help us to let go of our fear, and our desire to be in control of all manner of things. Lead us to place you in the center of our lives, where, if we do, we will also see neighbor, stranger and enemy. Then help us to cross the boundary waters with you, the One who has broken every barrier down, and will lead us to the other side. Forgive us and restore us, Lord. Create us in the image you have intended. We pray in the name of Jesus. 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

Heather Kirkman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), OT p. 262)

^{17:57}On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

^{18:1}When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. ²Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. ⁵David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

¹⁰The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; ¹¹and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. ¹⁴David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), NT p. 39)

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON

"*New Images*"

William Watkins, CLP

ANTHEM

"*In Christ Alone*"

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from "The Confession of Belhar")

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 in 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 through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

- 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, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

- 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;

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