

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
June 27, 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!*

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

June 27, 2021
Bethpage Presbyterian Church

10:00A.M.
Sanctuary

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

INTROIT

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

(adapted from Psalm 30)

Pastor: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Pastor: O Lord, you brought up my soul from the depths, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

People: **Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.**

Pastor: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

People: **Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Pastor: You turn sorrow to dancing and clothe us with joy.

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

****CALL TO CONFESSION***

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and loving God, you promise us that you are making all things new. Yet we see the pain and injustice in our world and in our lives, and we do not believe you. Forgive us for our tiny faith. You call us to excellence; we fall short of your confidence in us. You grant to us grace; we abuse your gift. You expect our decisions to match your desires, our love to be genuine in obeying your will. Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness. We look to our comfort rather than to our neighbor's need. In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Make us confident in your promises, that we may be people of courageous hope, healers in a world desperate for restoration. 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

Mary Elizabeth Paxton

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 7:1-5, 7, 10, 17-18, 21-22; and 8:1-3 ([Bible](#), OT p. 6)

^{7:1}Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. ²Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; ³and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."
⁵And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

(continued →)

⁷And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. ¹⁰And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

¹⁷The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. ¹⁸The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

²¹And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings; ²²everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

^{8:1}But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ²the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 8:23-27 ([Bible](#), NT p. 8)

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. ²⁷They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

SERMON

"The Love Boat"

William Watkins, CLP

***ANTHEM**

"Here I Am, Lord"

words and music by Daniel L. Schutte, choral setting by Jack Schrader

PROFESSION OF FAITH (CONFIRMATION)

PRESENTATION OF MARY ELIZABETH PAXTON

Sherry Shifflett and Cheryl Kuser

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Mary Elizabeth: I do.

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Mary Elizabeth: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Mary Elizabeth: I will, with God' help.

Pastor: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Mary Elizabeth: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**(All the people stand.)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The pastor then offers a prayer, to which the people say: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

The candidate kneels and the sponsors place their hands on her head. The members of the congregation are asked to extend their hands forward in a gesture of blessing as the pastor prays:

O Lord, uphold Mary Elizabeth by your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in her your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

The pastor makes the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead of the candidate and says:

Mary Elizabeth, remember your baptism and be thankful, and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.

Mary Elizabeth: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME

Pastor: . . . May the Spirit continue to strengthen and sustain you in the worship and mission of the church.

All: Amen. Alleluia!

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may exchange gestures and greetings of peace to those near them. Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines and be aware of the need to protect the most vulnerable among us.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.



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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 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 with Confirmation of Mary Elizabeth Paxton

Tuesday, June 29

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

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day
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, July 5

Church office closed
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today!

Wednesday, July 7

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 8

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, July 11

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

DAILY LECTIONARY

<p>Sunday, June 27 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 67; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 10:1-16 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 4:13-25 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 21:23-32 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 46; 93</p> <p>Monday, June 28 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 57; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 10:17-27 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 7:44-8:1a <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 22:52-62 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 85; 47</p> <p>Tuesday, June 29 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 54; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 11:1-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 8:1b-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 22:63-71 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 28; 99</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 30 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 65; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 12:1-6 (7-15) 16-25 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 8:14-25 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 23:1-12 <i>Evening: Psalms 125; 91</i></p> <p>Thursday, July 1 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 143; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 13:5-18 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 8:26-40 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 23:13-25 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 81; 116</p>	<p>Friday, July 2 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 88; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 9:1-9 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 23:26-31 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 6; 20</p> <p>Saturday, July 3 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 122; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Samuel 14:16-30 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 9:10-19a <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 23:32-43 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 100; 63</p>
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