



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
June 6, 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 of the Lord's Day Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021
Bethpage Presbyterian Church

10:00A.M.
Sanctuary

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(adapted from Psalm 138)

Pastor: We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole heart; before all of creation we sing your praise.

People: **We bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;**

Pastor: For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

People: **When we called, you answered us, you increased our strength of soul.**

Pastor: For although the LORD is high, the LORD regards the lowly.

People: **Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God will preserve us.**

Pastor: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for us; God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: **Let us worship the Lord!**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and new life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome holiness. Often, we are afflicted and crushed by a sense of inadequacy. When perplexed, we despair that there may be no hope. When foes strike us down, we assume we're destroyed. Help us to remember that by your grace, you abide in us and we abide in you eternally. Transform our whole being so that we live in that truth. In your loving-kindness have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of promises you have made to us in baptism so that we may live as your people, claimed in the waters of promise. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***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

Dennis Graybeal

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), NT p. 181)

^{4:13}But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — “I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. *(continued →)*

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:20-35 (NRSV) ([Bible](#), NT p. 37)

²⁰. . . and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!” ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

SERMON

“A New Family”

William Watkins, CLP

***INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucy Madelyn Goodman

PRESENTATION

Matthew 28:18-20

(words in bold are to be spoken by the congregation)

Pastor: Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Hear also these words from holy scripture:

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

The pastor continues:

Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus,
and confident of his promises,
we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism, God claims us,
and seals us to show that we belong to God.
God frees us from sin and death,
uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.

By water and the Holy Spirit,
we are made members of the church, the body of Christ,
and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism,
as we celebrate this sacrament.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD

Connie Goodman

On behalf of the session, I present Lucy Madelyn Goodman, child of Heather and Richie Goodman, to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: Do you, Heather and Richie, desire that Lucy be baptized?
Mr. and Mrs. Goodman: We do.

Pastor: Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to her?

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman: We do.

Pastor *(to the grandparents and other family members attending)*:
Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Lucy to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Lucy's Family: I will.

Pastor *(to the children of the church)*:
Today we celebrate that Lucy is becoming part of our church family . . .
Will we help Lucy remember that God loves her and we love her?

Children: We will

Pastor: Will we share the stories of Jesus with Lucy?

Children: We will

Pastor *(to the congregation)*:
Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lucy by word and deed, with love and prayer?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: We will.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we enter the covenant God established in Jesus Christ...

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

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman: I do.

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman: 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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water

To you be all praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with your and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Lucy Madelyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

PRAYER FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

WELCOME

Pastor: Lucy, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism . . .
. . . With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into the body of Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor *(to all assembled)*: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Keeping safe social distancing practices and remembering the most vulnerable among us, you are invited to greet the child as she is brought near.)

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, and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL 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

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, 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

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

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> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>

DAILY LECTIONARY

<p>Sunday, June 6 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 108; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Deuteronomy 29:16-29 <i>2nd Read:</i> Revelation 12:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 15:29-39 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 66; 23</p> <p>Monday, June 7 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 62; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Deuteronomy 30:1-10 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 10:1-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 18:31-43 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 73; 9</p> <p>Tuesday, June 8 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 12; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Deuteronomy 30:11-20 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 19:1-10 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 36; 7</p> <p>Wednesday, June 9 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 96; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 19:11-27 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 132; 134</p>	<p>Thursday, June 10 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 116; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Song of Solomon 1:1-3, 9-11, 15-16a; 2:2-3a <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 19:28-40 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 26; 130</p> <p>Friday, June 11 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 84; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Song of Solomon 2:8-13; 4:1-4a, 5-7, 9-11 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 19:41-48 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 25; 40</p> <p>Saturday, June 12 <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 63; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Song of Solomon 5:10-16; 7:1-2 (3-5) 6-7a (9); 8:6-7 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Corinthians 13:1-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 20:1-8 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 125; 90</p>
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