

**THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION
and COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

ANTHEM "Living Bread"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" Arr. Carol Tornquist

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TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship. We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members and childcare following the Time with the Children for ages two through kindergarten. If you have questions, please see an usher and they will be happy to assist you.

Special Thanks to...

Linda Rickenbacker, our guest organist this Sunday. We welcome Linda again to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides Indoor Dining and Meal Pickup in the BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday. Doors open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch serving times – 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM.

Sunday, July 10

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion
4:00 – 6:00 PM – “Conversations of Hope” with Ada Bowens in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 13

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 14

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, July 17

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, July 18

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

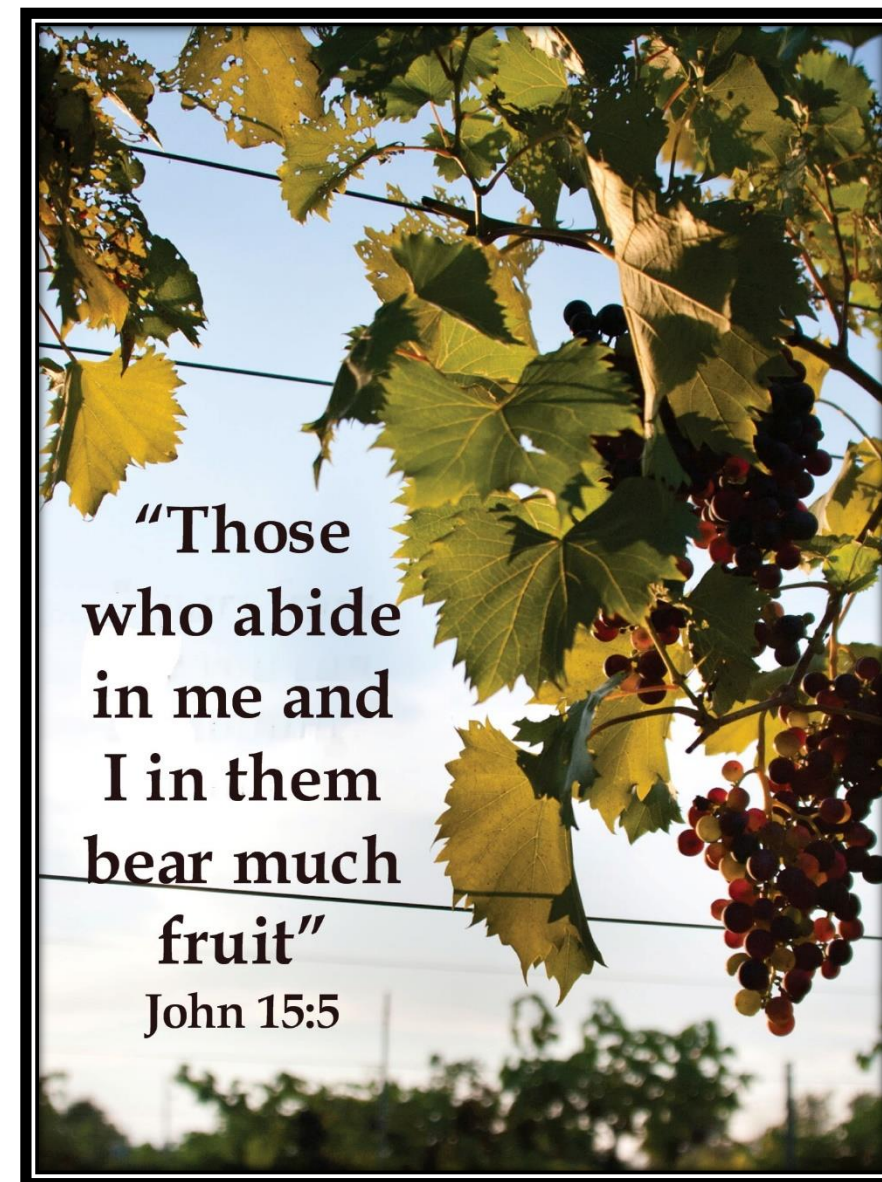
Saturday, July 23

6:00 PM – Community Choir Outing (not at BPC)

Sunday, July 24

9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Nurture</i> Melissa Wright	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



“Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit”
John 15:5

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
July 10, 2022

*“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!



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The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 10, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Carol Tornquist

SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

O God, from the restless movement and quickened pace of our everyday lives, we draw aside to catch the rhythms of your peace. As the still small sounds of worship fill the high rooms of our souls breaking gradually into choruses of praise, shape and mold us into godly men and women through your revelation in Christ Jesus. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of the fast pace of contemporary life, we come to this sanctuary to slow down.

We are here to worship God.

In a world that seeks "me first," we come to seek God's will for our lives.

We are here to praise God.

In an environment that leaves little room for the holy, we come to be open to the spiritual dimension of life.

We are here to listen to God, to worship God, to praise God in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Let us worship God!

HYMN #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, nearer than you know and closer than we feel, break down all wrong desire, smite every stumbling passion. Remove any greedy pride that stands between us and you. We are prone to denial, given to procrastination, and fond of excuses. We make haste to blame others, protest our innocence, and, only as a last resort, repent. Forgive our stubbornness. We project on others our weaknesses. Greet our penitence with divine pardon and our new resolve with understanding mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE HYMN #2152 "Change My Heart, O God"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen – here is the good news: Jesus said, "The one who comes to me I will not turn away." Jesus Christ has come to forgive us in our failures, to accept us as we are, to set us free, and to make us what we were meant to be. Praise be His name!

Listen, we will. Called, we are. By God's grace and mercy we will live in His freedom and be His disciples. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"
(Glory to God The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "I Am The Vine"

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Communion Hymn" Getty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 9 (Pew Bible, p. 492)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. 109)

SERMON "No Free Agents" Rev. Valerie Hicks

HYMN #2126 "All Who Hunger"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

GIVING GOD OUR 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

**Allow, O Lord, that we might match gifts of money
with gifts of ourselves, so what we do and how we do it
may be meshed with what we believe and how we act. To
you, O God, be the glory. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues . . .

**All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Leader continues . . .

**All: 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.**