

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
<p>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.</p>	
<p><u>Sunday, July 17</u> 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service</p> <p><u>Monday, July 18</u> 7:00 PM – Session Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 20</u> 11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Saturday, July 23</u> 6:00 PM – Community Choir Outing (not at BPC)</p>	<p><u>Sunday, July 24</u> 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service</p> <p><u>Tuesday, July 26</u> 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 27</u> 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 31</u> 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service</p>



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

**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 July 17, 2022**

***“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 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Power of Your Love" Arr. Jane Holstein

SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal, we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is a great day to be worshipping!

It is a special time in our week to gather together and praise our Creator!

We come to say yes to God.

We are not forced to respond to God's love in Jesus Christ — we come because we want to and it is good!

Let us then not hold back, but worship with our entire being!

HYMN #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our transgressions O Lord. For those things we have failed to say and do, we seek your forgiveness. For actions and attitudes that hurt and discourage others, we ask for your pardon. We want to open ourselves, to be vulnerable, to enter into the suffering of others; yet we barricade ourselves behind closed doors, protecting our lives and possessions, fleeing from the hurt we see on others' faces. Have mercy on us and help us begin again to live as your agents of love, forgiven and redeemed. Renew us with your Word this day. Hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #2025 "As the Deer"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, "I come that you might have life and have it abundantly." Let us believe this Gospel and claim for ourselves this life as it is promised in him who is the Life. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We will accept the new and abundant life and live as persons who are set free. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Amazing Grace"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marcia Graybeal

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Psalm 119:1-17, 173-176 (Pew Bible, p. 566)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 14:1 (The Message)

SERMON "Getting Stuck" Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God created and is still creating and that we are called to join in this creation. We believe that God does not love us because Christ died for us, but that Christ died for us because God loved us. We believe that God's Holy Spirit of love still sets people free and that God calls us to help in this task of liberation. We believe that the church is a chosen people, not chosen for its own sake, but to be a servant of God for the sake of the world. We believe that God's love is unfailing, and so we approach the future with confidence. Amen.

HYMN #354 "Guide My Feet"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Lead Me Lord"

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

Source of all goodness, power, and strength, we come with gifts in response to your love. You pour out your goodness; we bring you thanksgiving. You infuse us with power; we offer the fruits of our labor. You sustain us with strength; all that we do we dedicate to your glory. Honor us and bless those endeavors, which are a testimony to your abiding grace. Amen.

SHARING OF 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.

THE SENDING

HYMN "Go My Children, with My Blessing"

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "When the Saints Go Marching In" Arr. Bill Wolaver

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