

THE SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #368** "Speak, O Lord"

***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, July 18

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 Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter

Wednesday, July 21

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 23

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Sunday, July 25

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 Elder Ordination and Installation

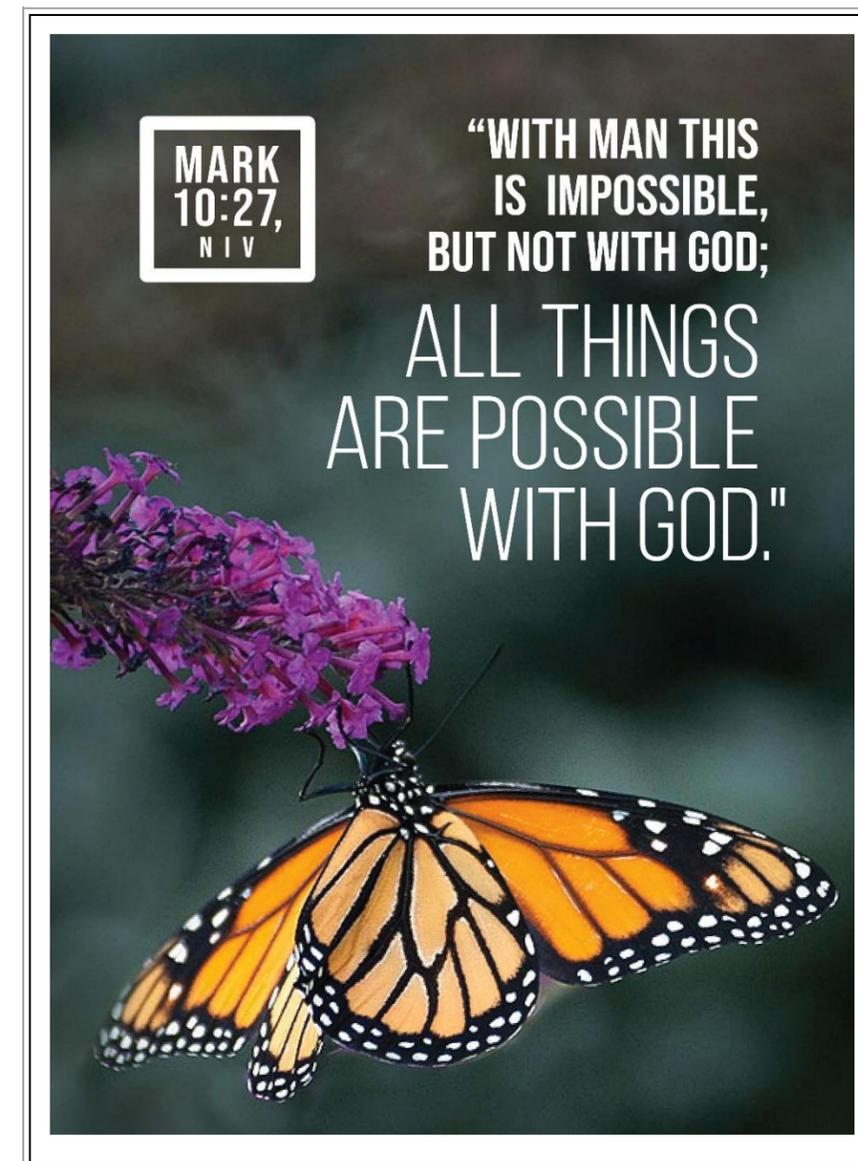
Tuesday, July 27

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

Sunday, August 1

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
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> Doug Kirkman, <i>Property</i>



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
July 18, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 18	Monday, July 19	Tuesday, July 20	Wednesday, July 21	Thursday, July 22	Friday, July 23	Saturday, July 24
Morning: Ps. 19; 150 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 23:7-18 2 nd Read: Romans 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Mt. 25:14-30 Evening: Ps. 81; 113	Morning: Ps. 135; 145 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 24:1-22 2 nd Read: Acts 13:44-52 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 Evening: Ps. 97; 112	Morning: Ps. 123; 146 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 25:1-22 2 nd Read: Acts 14:1-18 Gospel: Mark 4:21-34 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 25:23-44 2 nd Read: Acts 14:19-28 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 28:3-20 2 nd Read: Acts 15:1-11 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Ps. 130; 148 1 st Read: 1 Sam. 31:1-13 2 nd Read: Acts 15:12-21 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Evening: Ps. 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Read: 2 Samuel 1:1-16 2 nd Read: Acts 15:22-35 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, we have gathered in the heat, in the weariness, in the worries of these days. And yet we declare that we can proclaim the words of the Psalmist.

ALL: TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #86** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who knows every feather on the sparrow and every secret in our deepest places: We think of ourselves as good people and yet you alone are good. The truth is that we do not love as you command us to love and we do not live as you command us to live. We say we keep your commandments but we are so accustomed to breaking them so thoughtlessly that we don't even realize it when we do. Forgive us, Lord, for falling short of your glory and bring into our minds, as we confess in silence those times we have indeed broken the most basic of your commandments. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: No matter how far we have fallen, no matter how deep the chasm between who we say we are and who we really are, the Lord is merciful to all who turn away from the past and turn towards the only One who is good. Friends in Christ, hear and believe this life-changing news.

ALL: IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN. AMEN.

*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

Jimmie Melton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 34:8-22 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 508)

⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. ⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. ¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. ¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹²Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. ¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. ²⁰He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. ²¹Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. ²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:17-31 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 46)

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

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²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

SERMON

"Good People"

Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston

*HYMN #375

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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

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