

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Leader: Let us confess our common faith using the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

Clerk: Do we, the members of Bethpage Presbyterian Church, accept **Chris Ferguson, Richie Goodman, Hannah Jackson, Ed Kusper, Carrie Paxton and Sherry Shifflett** as ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

ALL: We do.

Clerk: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

ALL: We do.

CHARGE 1 Peter 4:8-11

THE SENDING

***HYMN #525** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** † † † † †

*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

DAILY LECTIONARY						
Sunday, July 25 Morning: Ps. 67; 150 1 st Read: 2 Samuel 1:17-27 2 nd Read: Rom. 12:9-21 Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46 Evening: Ps. 46; 93	Monday, July 26 Morning: Ps. 57; 145 1 st Read: 2 Sam. 2:1-11 2 nd Read: Acts 15:36-16:5 Gospel: Mark 6:14-29 Evening: Ps. 85; 47	Tuesday, July 27 Morning: Ps. 54; 146 1 st Read: 2 Sam. 3:6-21 2 nd Read: Acts 16:6-15 Gospel: Mark 6:30-46 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Wednesday, July 28 Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 2 Sam. 3:22-39 2 nd Read: Acts 16:16-24 Gospel: Mark 6:47-56 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Thursday, July 29 Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 2 Samuel 4:1-12 2 nd Read: Acts 16:25-40 Gospel: Mark 7:1-23 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Friday, July 30 Morning: Ps. 88; 148 1 st Read: 2 Sam. 5:1-12 2 nd Read: Acts 17:1-15 Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Saturday, July 31 Morning: Ps. 122; 149 1 st Read: 2 Sam. 5:22-6:11 2 nd Read: Acts 17:16-34 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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.

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. (Except for August 2nd – 6th as noted below)

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

Thursday, July 29

12:00 PM – Deadline for reserving LunchPlus Club meals for next week to be picked up Friday, July 30

Friday, July 30

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM – LunchPlus Club participants pick up an additional five frozen meals for next week. There will be no meal pickup on Mon., Aug. 2 – Fri., Aug. 6.

Sunday, August 1

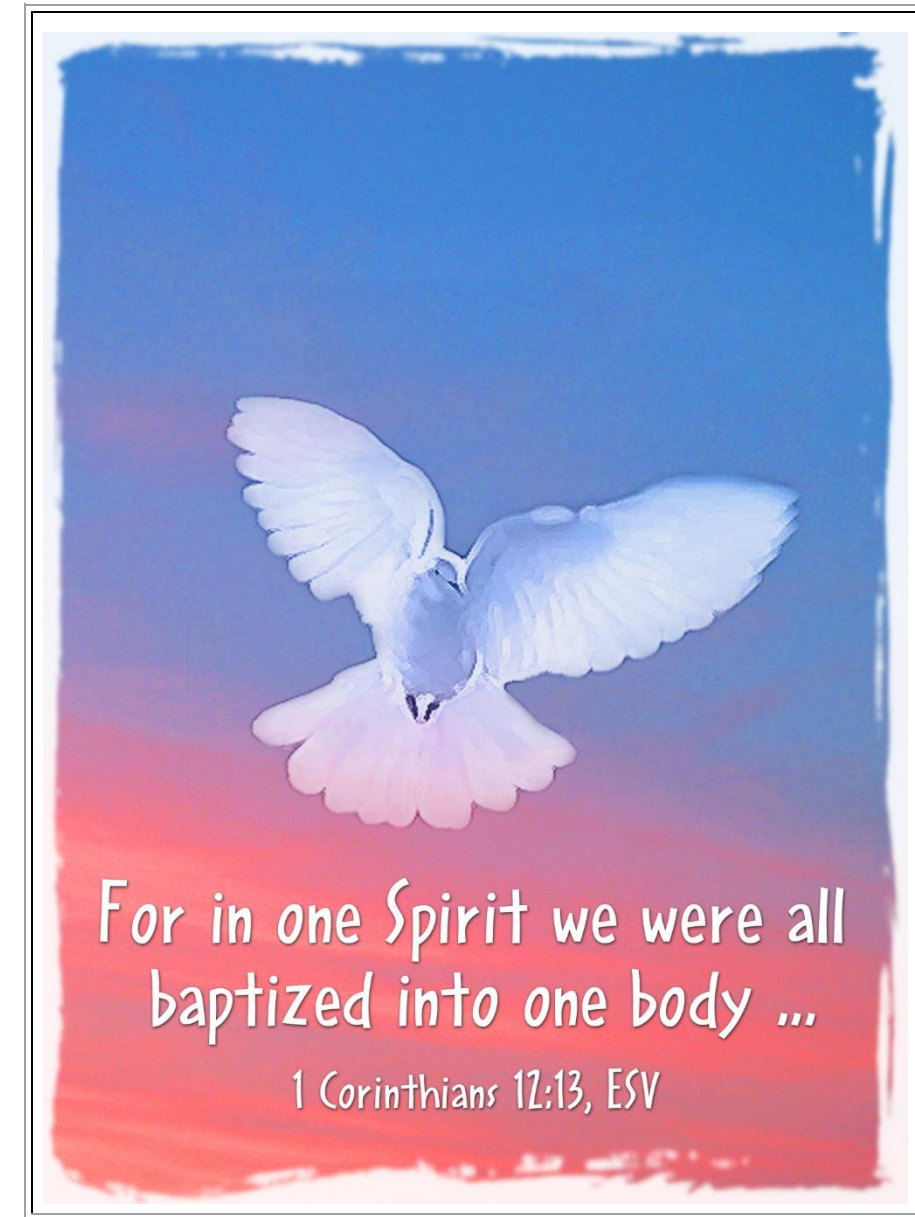
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Wednesday, August 4

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 8

9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
July 25, 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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The Service for the Lord's Day Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come near, my friends, for Christ is here. Trust in the love of God that is yours. Give thanks to the Lord, for God's love endures forever!

*RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God our Creator, You have given us life, one gift we are not able to create by our own skills.

People: **That life is a story not yet finished. You have given us the opportunity to fill that life with what You would have us do.**

Leader: Grant us wisdom, O God, to discern between Your work and our own. Let our work be Yours.

People: **Help us to be aware of our limitations and capabilities. When we merge our lives with others, we know You will be there.**

Leader: Grant us the understanding to know ourselves in our weakness, for You have given us what we could not give ourselves. Let us pass on what we have received from You.

People: **Create in us Your Spirit that we may choose to learn to minister in your name.**

Leader: O God, we can go far, but no father, without Your guidance. We know You will be our guide through the darkness of life.

People: **Take us to You; heal us, strengthen us to touch the lives of others with Your changing Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for You. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of apathy. You have called us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to Your love, that we may share Your love with others. Hear our silent prayers (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: The Good News in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. Let us praise this God of grace!

People: Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (verse 1)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM "To Everything There Is A Season" Ed Harris

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 635)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-31 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 174)

SERMON "Answering God's Call" Rev. Valerie Hicks

*HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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 (spoken by all)

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that You have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives to you today. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. May we be the Church You are calling us to be. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

AFFIRMATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS & THEIR USE IN MINISTRY

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: **But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.**

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: **To be used for the common good.**

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: **And individually members of him.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION