

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for service in reconciling the world. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of the commonwealth of your people. Let our love be your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

***HYMN #61** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
("Hymns of Grace" Hymnal)

***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.

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, August 15

9:00 AM - Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM - Worship Service with Communion

Monday, August 16

3:30 - 7:30 PM - BLOOD DRIVE in BPC Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM - Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 22

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

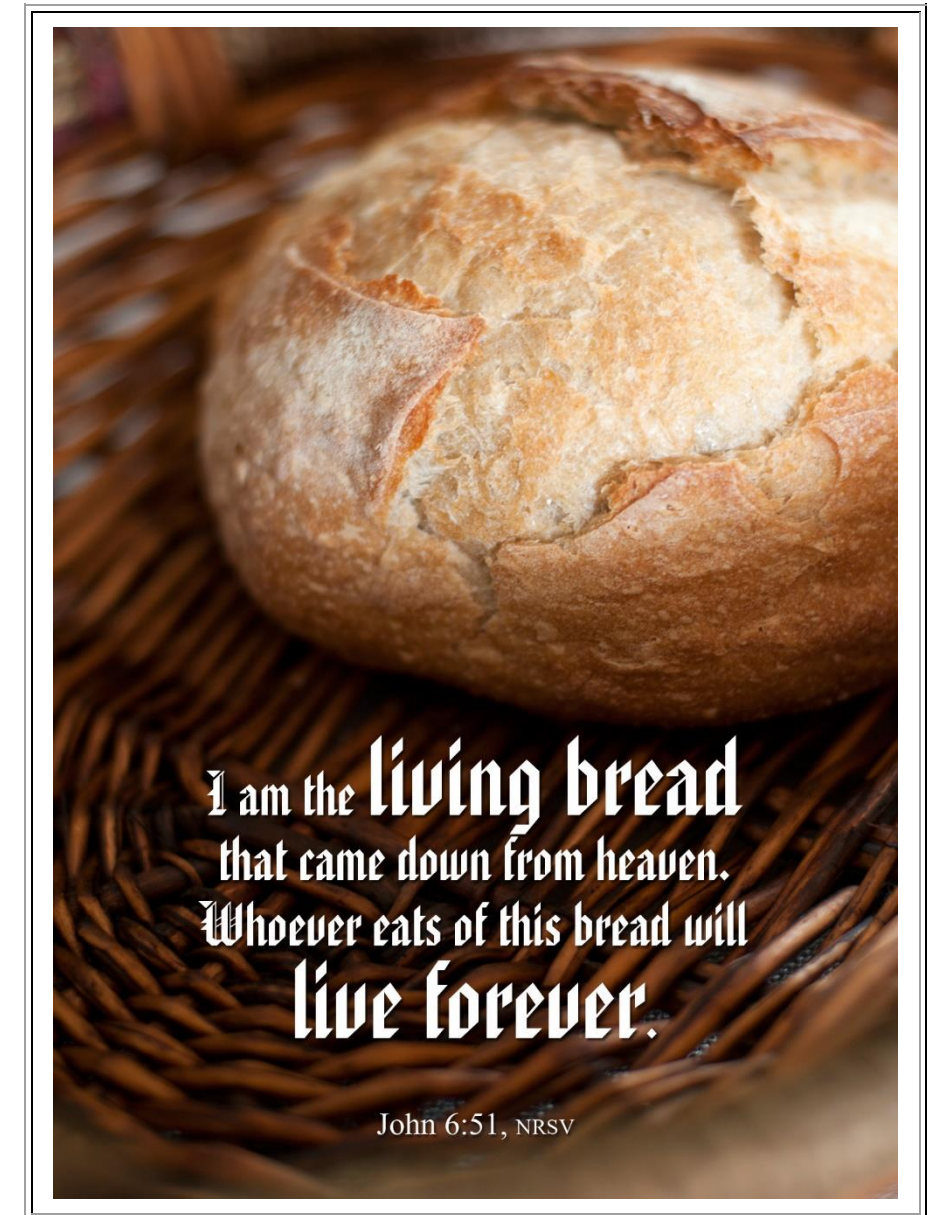
Tuesday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 29

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

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
August 15, 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!

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 15	Monday, August 16	Tuesday, August 17	Wednesday, August 18	Thursday, August 19	Friday, August 20	Saturday, August 21
<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 19; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Samuel 17:1-23 <i>2nd Read:</i> Gal. 3:6-14 <i>Gospel:</i> John 5:30-47 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 81; 113	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 135; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 22:30-23:11 <i>Gospel:</i> Mk. 11:12-26 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 97; 112	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 123; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Sam. 18:9-18 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 23:12-24 <i>Gospel:</i> Mk 11:27-12:12 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 30; 86	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 15; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Sam. 18:19-33 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 23:23-35 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 12:13-27 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 48; 4	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 36; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Sam. 19:1-23 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 24:1-23 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 12:28-34 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 27	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 130; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Samuel 19:24-43 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 24:24-25:12 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 12:35-44 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 32; 139	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 56; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 25:13-27 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 13:1-13 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 118; 111



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The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 15, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*OPENING SENTENCES/CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 40:3-5)

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord,

People: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up,

People: And every mount and hill be made low;

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level,

People: And the rough places a plain.

Leader: All God's glory shall be revealed.

People: All humanity shall see it together.

***HYMN #11** "All Creatures of Our God and King"
("Hymns of Grace" Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(The Book of Worship, United Church of Christ)

Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclean lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse us from the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: . . . Sisters and brothers, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: 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

Connie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 304)

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 98)

SERMON

"What Does God Desire?"

Rev. Matt Samson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith", PCUSA)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN #92

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
("Hymns of Grace" Hymnal)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, father and mother God, Creator of heaven and earth . . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: 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.

Leader: . . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering to us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: . . . Through you Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Creator Almighty, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: And we join together to pray the prayer given to the disciples:

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.