

SERMON NOTES

| THIS WEEK AT BPC | LOOKING AHEAD |
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| <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, August 21</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, August 23</u> 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 24</u> 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p><u>Sunday, August 28</u> 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service with Blessing of the Backpacks</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 31</u> 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 4</u> 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received 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 |
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| <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!
August 21, 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 Service for the Lord's Day

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people in the world. We are ready, God, to hear your word; speak to us, God, and give us courage to do your will. With all our doubts and fears and shortcomings, we have decided to follow Jesus in our time and place. Guide us by your loving Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this community of God's people. We are here to worship and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We are gathered to celebrate our new life in Jesus. He has given us new possibilities and bright horizons.

Together, through the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity to use our God-given skills and abilities to begin to build a better world.

We have come to be directed by the Holy Spirit, to share God's power, and to bring God glory.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

HYMN #485 *"To God Be the Glory"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and of hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and uncertain dreams. We could not meet our daily needs without the labor of others; yet we take them for granted. We are offended by slight offenses and oversights against us and yet hardly consider our own neglect of your word, our patience with evil, and our slowness to act for others. Our eyes are blind to the signs of the eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. O Lord, forgive us. Grant us a taste of your love so we may acquire an appetite for justice. Sharpen our hunger and thirst for you, O God. Hear our silent confessions . . . (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE HYMN #316 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*
(verse 1 only, The Presbyterian 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, 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

ANTHEM *"10,000 Reasons"*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Matthew 5:43-48 (The Message)

SERMON *"Do Justice"* Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory
Hannah Jackson

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

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 #276 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

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TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.