

**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, 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

**Wednesday, August 25**

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

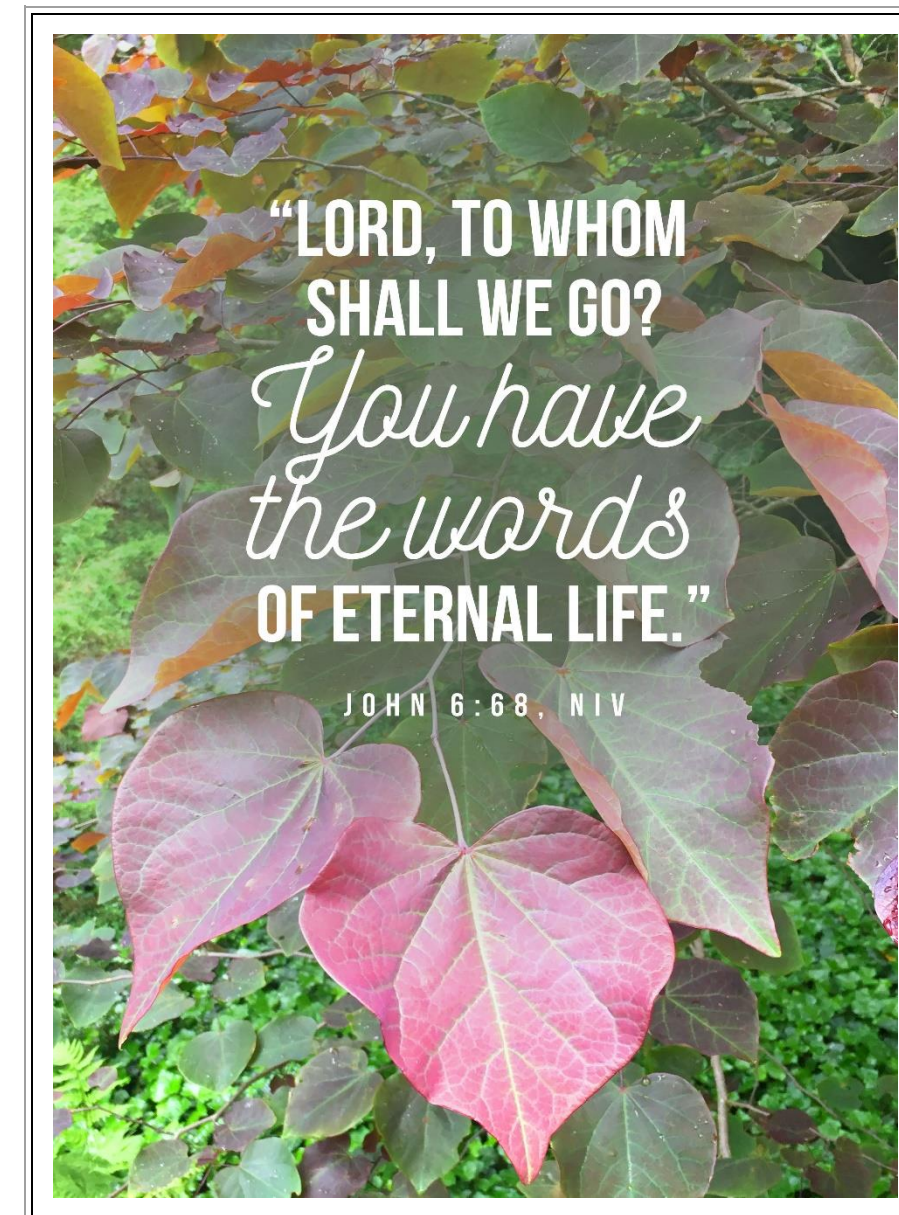
**Sunday, August 29**

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

**Sunday, September 5**

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>
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**August 22, 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						
<b>Sunday, August 22</b> <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 67; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> 2 Sam. 24:1-2, 10-25 <i>2nd Read:</i> Gal. 3:23-4:7 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:12-20 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 46; 93	<b>Monday, August 23</b> <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 57; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 1:(1-4) 5-31 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 26:1-23 <i>Gospel:</i> Mk. 13:14-27 <i>Evening:</i> Ps. 85; 47	<b>Tuesday, August 24</b> <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 54; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 1:32-2:4 (5-46a) 46b <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 26:24-27:8 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 13:28-37 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 28; 99	<b>Wednesday, August 25</b> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 65; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 3:1-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 27:9-26 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 14:1-11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 125; 91	<b>Thursday, August 26</b> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 143; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 3:16-28 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 27:27-44 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 14:12-26 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 81; 116	<b>Friday, August 27</b> <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 88; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 6:7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 28:1-16 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 14:27-42 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 6; 20	<b>Saturday, August 28</b> <i>Morning:</i> Ps. 122; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 28:17-31 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 14:43-52 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 100; 63

# The Service for the Lord's Day Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

10:00 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY CHIMES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times—praise will continually be in my mouth.

People: **Our souls rejoice in the Lord; let the humble hear it and rejoice.**

Leader: Come, glorify our God with me.

People: **Let's exalt and worship God's name together!**

\***HYMN #53**      *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*  
("Hymns of Grace" Hymnal)

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us?**

**Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever.** *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*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

Sandy Gaskey

### OLD TESTAMENT READING    Joshua 24:14 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 216)

<sup>14</sup>Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING    John 6:56-69 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 98)

<sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that

which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Debi Madden

### \*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.

\***HYMN #442**      *"O Breath of God"*  
("Hymns of Grace" 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

## THE SENDING

\***HYMN #318**      *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*  
("Hymns of Grace" Hymnal)

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

### \*POSTLUDE

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