

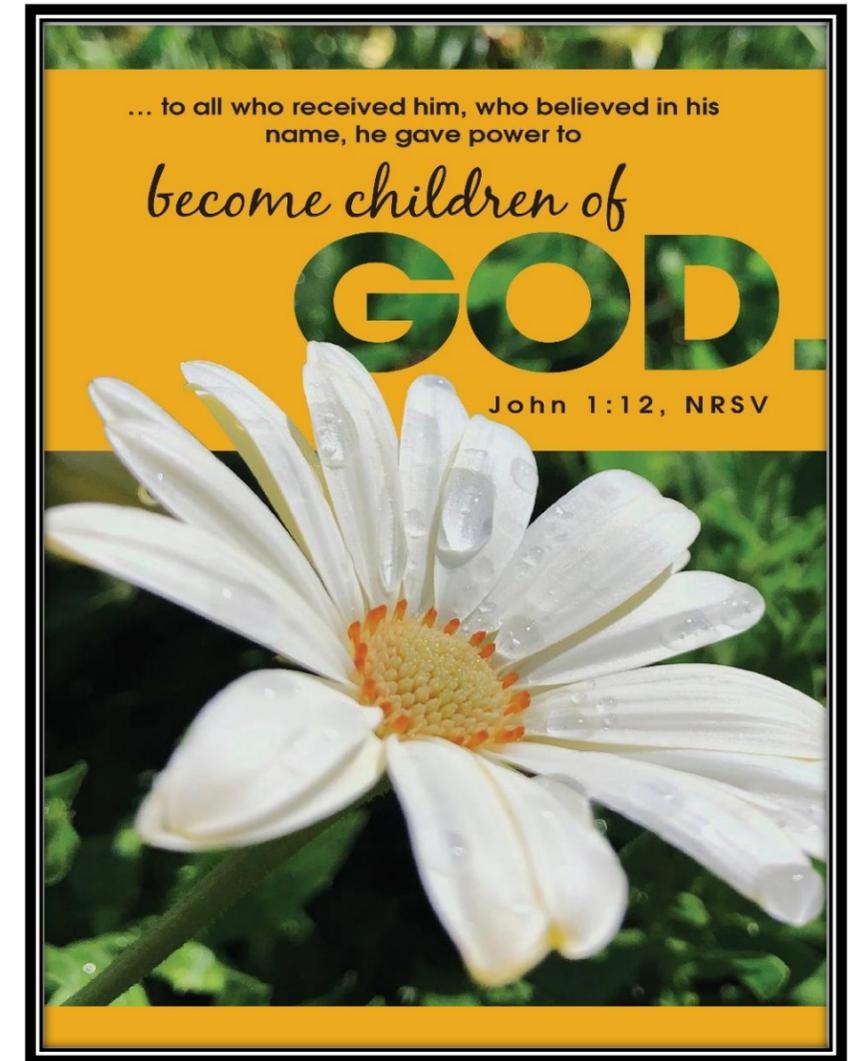
Interested In Singing??

It is a great time to join the choir. If you have ever wanted to try singing with the choir to see if it is for you, now is the time. **On Wednesday, August 31st we will be listening to the Christmas Musical as well as receiving rehearsal CDs, books and rehearsal schedules to help you learn the musical.** We will practice one song from the musical each week at rehearsal, as well as rehearse our weekly anthem and service music. So again, you are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for choir rehearsal at 7:00. Hope to see you there.

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC	LOOKING AHEAD
<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 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>	<p><u>Monday, September 5</u> Labor Day Holiday – Church office closed No LunchPlus Club today</p> <p><u>Tuesday, September 6</u> 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM – Circle 1 in Session Room</p> <p><u>Wednesday, September 7</u> 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><u>Thursday, September 8</u> 6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 11</u> 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion</p>

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	CLASS OF 2022
Valerie Hicks, <i>Moderator</i> Melissa Wright, <i>Clerk</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Christian Education</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Congregational Care</i> Melissa Wright, <i>Clerk</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 August 28, 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Arr. Jack Schrader

HYMN #2055 "You Are My Hiding Place"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this time and place as God's people.

With all our hearts, let us give thanks to the Lord.

We gather in this time and place as the church of Jesus Christ.

With all our minds, let us seek Christ's will for us as a community of faith.

We gather in this time and place as those who rely upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

With all that we are let us praise the living God.

HYMN #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our transgressions O Lord. For those things we have failed to say and do, we seek Your forgiveness. For actions and attitudes that hurt and discourage others, we ask for Your pardon. O Lord make us aware of our sin and give us the courage to repent and begin again. Forgive us as a people and open our hearts to others who are different from us. May we care about their needs as much as we do our own. Renew us with Your word this day. In the name of Jesus we pray. O Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE HYMN #2025 "As the Deer"
(sing one time, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we are faithless, God remains faithful.

When we turn away from God, God reaches toward us.

Friends believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

We will live as a forgiven people. Alleluia! 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.
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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD

ANTHEM "Look at the World"

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl Kusper

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 46:3-4 (The Message)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS John 1:9-12 (Pew Bible, p. 91)

SERMON "Languages" Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In forming His people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of His companionship, to understand and obey His teachings, and to follow Him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory "Go Make a Difference"

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

Gracious God, on my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, that we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is enough for all. Amen.

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 #77 "God of Grace"
(Hymns of Grace Hymnal)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" Arr. Mark Hayes

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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.