

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.

“Now Thank We All Our God”

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers’ arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills in this world and the next!
3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest Heaven
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given
The one eternal God, Whom Heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

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>Sunday, August 7 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 with Communion</p> <p>Monday, August 8 7:00 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee 7:00 PM – Worship Committee</p> <p>Tuesday, August 9 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee</p> <p>Wednesday, August 10 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, August 11 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee</p>	<p>Sunday, August 14 9:00 AM – Children’s Sunday School – Room 202 9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200 10:00 AM – Worship Service</p> <p>Monday, August 15 3:30 – 7:30 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM – Session Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, August 17 11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse 7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Saturday, August 20 9:30 AM – Presbytery Meeting at Trinity PC, Charlotte 6:00 PM – Community Choir Outing at Ed and Cheryl Kusper’s</p> <p>Sunday, August 21 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
<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 7, 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 7, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Give Thanks" Arr. Bill Wolaver

SILENT PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

We greet you, welcoming God, with our many morning moods. Some of us could not wait to get here; some of us just made it. Some of us know exactly why we've come; others are not sure. Still, something calls us each to you and we come to seek and to worship. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

OPENING HYMN "I Love You, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we stumble and our faith falters, God's faithfulness bears us along.

When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong, God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.

When our daily duties distract, and our visions grow fuzzy, God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.

God's faithfulness endures forever! We lift our hearts in praise to the One who is our God this day and forever more!

HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our shepherd, we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. Often in our wanderings we find ourselves in places where we ought not to be, trapped and unable to turn ourselves around. Hear our cries of lostness; come rescue us and be our guide. At other times, through fear, we huddle in the safety of the fold; not daring to venture out into your pastures where we're called to live in freedom. Come challenge us and be our guide. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are given new life.

The old is gone away. The new is before us.

We are freed to live fully in the present.

That's the good news that sets us free to love!

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "In Remembrance of Me"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sherry Shifflett

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS Psalm 9:1-2 (New Living Bible)
Psalm 106:1-5 (Common English Version)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

SERMON "Grateful Hearts" Rev. Valerie Hicks

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory "Lamb of God" Arr. Bill Wolaver

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues . . .

**All sing: 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader continues . . .

**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.**

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION and COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Oh God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SENDING

HYMN #514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE "Exalt Him With Song" Arr. Marilyn Ham
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