

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (in unison)

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 Your service. We give ourselves to You, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom. May our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

***HYMN #514** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"
(“The Presbyterian 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, September 12
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

Monday, September 13
7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee
7:15 PM – Worship Committee

Tuesday, September 14
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, September 15
11:30 AM – LUNCH OUT at Logan’s Roadhouse
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 19
9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Worship Service

Monday, September 20
7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 21
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 23
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Suds of Love at Harris Laundromat
6:00 – 8:00 PM – Suds of Love at Harris Laundromat

Sunday, September 26
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!
September 12, 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, September 12	Monday, September 13	Tuesday, September 14	Wednesday, September 15	Thursday, September 16	Friday, September 17	Saturday, September 18
Morning: Ps. 19; 150 1 st Read: 1 Kings 19:8-21 2 nd Read: Acts 5:34-42 Gospel: John 11:45-57 Evening: Ps. 81; 113	Morning: Ps. 135; 145 1 st Read: 1 Kings 21:1-16 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Gospel: Mt. 4:1-11 Evening: Ps. 97; 112	Morning: Ps. 123; 146 1 st Read: 1 Kings 21:17-29 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Gospel: Mt. 4:12-17 Evening: Ps. 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 1 Kings 22:1-28 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-25 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 1 Kings 22:29-45 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Ps. 130; 148 1 st Read: 2 Kings 1:2-17 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Gospel: Mt. 5:11-16 Evening: Ps. 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Read: 2 Kings 2:1-18 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 12, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us, we have come to worship and to praise.

People: With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds, the warmth of our hearts, and joy of our spirits.

Leader: We love because God has first loved us, freeing us from the power of sin and death.

People: With glad hearts let us worship God.

***HYMN #361** "How Firm a Foundation"
(verses 1, 2, and 5 - "The Presbyterian Hymnal")

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we want to be honest. We want to be candid and straightforward with you, but we cannot do it alone. We need your Spirit to encounter us, and we need the encouragement of each other, for we are adept and clever at hiding our true selves. We are fearful that you will not accept us if we truly confess and we prefer to let things go. Challenge us to "accept our acceptance" and to move away from any selfish appraisal that contends that we cannot be forgiven. Hear our silent prayers of confession that we pray in the name of Jesus who said, "Come to me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest." . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The scripture resounds with the good news of forgiveness.

People: We need not carry our burdens back home.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia 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

ANTHEM "No Hands But Yours" J. Jerome Williams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 100 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 552)

- ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
- ³Know that the LORD is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:9-13 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 6)

- ⁹"Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
- ¹⁰Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.
- ¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- ¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one."

SERMON

"We Are Here Together"

Rev. Valerie Hicks

***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 #106** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
(verses 1 and 4 - "The Presbyterian Hymnal")

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 *(in unison)*

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Guide us today, and every day that we may live as your faithful disciples. Transform our lives with your love and grant that these gifts that we bring would show your love to a hurting world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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.