

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 #363** "Every Promise of Your Word"
 ("Hymns of Grace")

***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.

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, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 29

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 3

World Communion Sunday
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 9:00 AM – Sunday School in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, October 5

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 7

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Sunday, October 10

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> Marsha Johnson, <i>Treasurer</i> Jenny Linebarrier, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>
CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024
Richie Goodman, <i>Stewardship</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Nurture</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Hannah Jackson, <i>Communications</i> Sherry Shifflett, <i>Personnel</i>



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
September 26, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY						
Sunday, September 26 Morning: Ps. 108; 150 1 st Read: 2 Kings 17:1-18 2 nd Read: Acts 9:36-43 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Monday, September 27 Morning: Ps. 62; 145 1 st Read: 2 Kings 17:24-41 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Gospel: Mt. 6:25-34 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Tuesday, September 28 Morning: Ps. 12; 146 1 st Read: 2 Chronicles 29:1-3, 30:1 (2-9) 10-27 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Gospel: Matthew 7:1-12 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Wednesday, September 29 Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Read: 2 Kings 18:9-25 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 7:13-21 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Thursday, September 30 Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 2 Kings 18:28-37 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Gospel: Matthew 7:22-29 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Friday, October 1 Morning: Ps. 84; 148 1 st Read: 2 Kings 19:1-20 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Gospel: Matthew 8:1-17 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Saturday, October 2 Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Read: 2 Kings 19:21-36 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 8:18-27 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

The Service for the Lord's Day Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come so that we can worship our God,

People: whose words restore us to life.

Leader: We come so that we can follow Jesus,

People: whose hopes for justice are crystal clear.

Leader: We come so that we can learn from the Spirit,

People: Whose teachings help us to understand how to live as God's people.

***HYMN #104** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
("Hymns of Grace")

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We don't mean to, but all too often our words, our actions, our ignorance, become stumbling blocks for those around us, keeping them from being able to live as God intends for them. Let us confess how we have not been careful with our lives, as we pray together, saying,

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You offer us words which can restore lives, our and others, Teaching God, but we twist them into insults and accusations. You would welcome us into the family of those who serve humbly, we like to hang out with the cheeky and spiteful. You bless us with all manner of gifts, but we continue to envy what others have.

Keep us on our toes, Loving God, lest we continue to trip over our foolishness.

In your mercy, may we not offer a fist, but a helping hand to another; may we walk with the lonely, rather than push them away; may we look for the forgotten, rather than right past them; may we continue to listen to your Word of life, Jesus Christ, so we might trust in your grace and hope. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's hopes for us are crystal clear. With forgiveness, God restores us to new life; with love, God sends us out to live as faithful people.

People: God uses the building blocks of grace, hope, love, and peace to create new hearts, new lives for us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

"God of Grace"

words and music by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

Based on NEW BRITAIN from Virginia Harmony, 1831 – Arranged by Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:7-14 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 499)

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great
transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and
the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible, NT, p. 45)

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

SERMON

Rev. Debi Madden

***HYMN #374** "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"
("Hymns of Grace")

***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.

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.