

**Guest Pastor This Sunday**

This Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we are privileged to have **Rev. George Slaton** with us to preach at the morning worship service. George Slaton is a native of Charlotte and grew up in Concord where he and his family were active members of First Presbyterian Church. After college graduation, he attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond VA and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville KY. George served churches in Florida and Tennessee. He completed a residency in pastoral psychotherapy at Georgia Baptist Medical Center and course work at the Atlanta Psychoanalytic Society, both in Atlanta. George was a therapist and Executive Director at Presbyterian Counseling Center in Wilmington NC from 1980 to 2010. He is an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Charlotte, has served on the Committee on Ministry, as presbytery liaison to several churches, and currently serves on presbytery's Conciliation Team. We welcome Rev. Slaton to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

**An Invitation to the BPC Congregation**

The Singing Saints Choir will be performing in concert on **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at Forest Hill United Methodist Church** on Union Street in Concord. There will be refreshments following the concert. All are invited! Some members of the BPC Community Choir sing in this choir as well.

**SERMON NOTES**

THIS WEEK AT BPC	LOOKING AHEAD
The <b>Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors</b> 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><b><u>Sunday, September 4</u></b>                      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><b><u>Monday, September 5</u></b>                      Labor Day Holiday – Church office closed                      No LunchPlus Club today</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, September 6</u></b>                      9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall                      6:30 PM – Circle 1 in Session Room</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, September 7</u></b>                      7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, September 8</u></b>                      6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, September 11</u></b>                      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><b><u>Monday, September 12</u></b>                      7:00 PM – Worship Committee                      7:30 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, September 13</u></b>                      7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, September 14</u></b>                      7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, September 15</u></b>                      11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat                      6:00 – 8:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat                      6:30 PM – Personnel Committee                      6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, September 17</u></b>                      8:30 AM – 5:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, September 18</u></b>                      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
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>



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# GOD'S HANDIWORK,

*created in*

# CHRIST JESUS

*to do*

# GOOD WORKS.

**EPHESIANS 2:10, NIV**

**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**September 4, 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!*

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## The Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

10:00 A.M.

### THE GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "O God Our Help in Ages Past" Arr. Terry Baldrige

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY CHIMES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forevermore.**

**HYMN #482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep." This is Christ's promise. With confidence, we turn to this God who loves us and we freely confess our sin.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you send your Holy Spirit to convince us of our sin and our need for you. And we confess that our lives are twisted by pride and greed. We see ourselves as pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, forgotten to be just to others, and daily turned away from your call to discipleship. Lift the burden of our sins. Have mercy upon us. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This too is Christ's promise. God forgives us and restores us, and we will remain in his flock forever.

**God loves us and strengthens us to follow wherever he leads us. All praise and thanks to him!**

### RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

**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, Amen.**

### THE WORD

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**ANTHEM** "God is Working" Carol Cymbala

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 71:17-21 (Pew Bible, p. 533)

**NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** Ephesians 2:8-10 (Pew Bible, p. 192)

**SERMON** "We Are What He Has Made Us" Rev. George Slaton

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Psalm 147

**The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power, whose wisdom is beyond limit. The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground. God covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth; God makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind. God provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry. The Lord is not impressed by the might of a horse, and he has no pleasure in the strength of a man; but the Lord has pleasure in the God-fearing, in those who await God's gracious favor.**

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

Offertory "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" Emma Lazarus

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

### 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 #307** "Fight the Good Fight"  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### BLESSING AND CHARGE

**POSTLUDE** "Concerto in A Minor" Vivaldi-Bach

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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.