

**\*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.

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

- 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**

**\*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. (No meals served - Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day Holiday.)

**Sunday, September 5**

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

**Monday, September 6**

Labor Day Holiday - Church office closed  
No LunchPlus Club Meal Pickup today!

**Tuesday, September 7**

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

**Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 9**

6:30 PM - Personnel Committee

**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

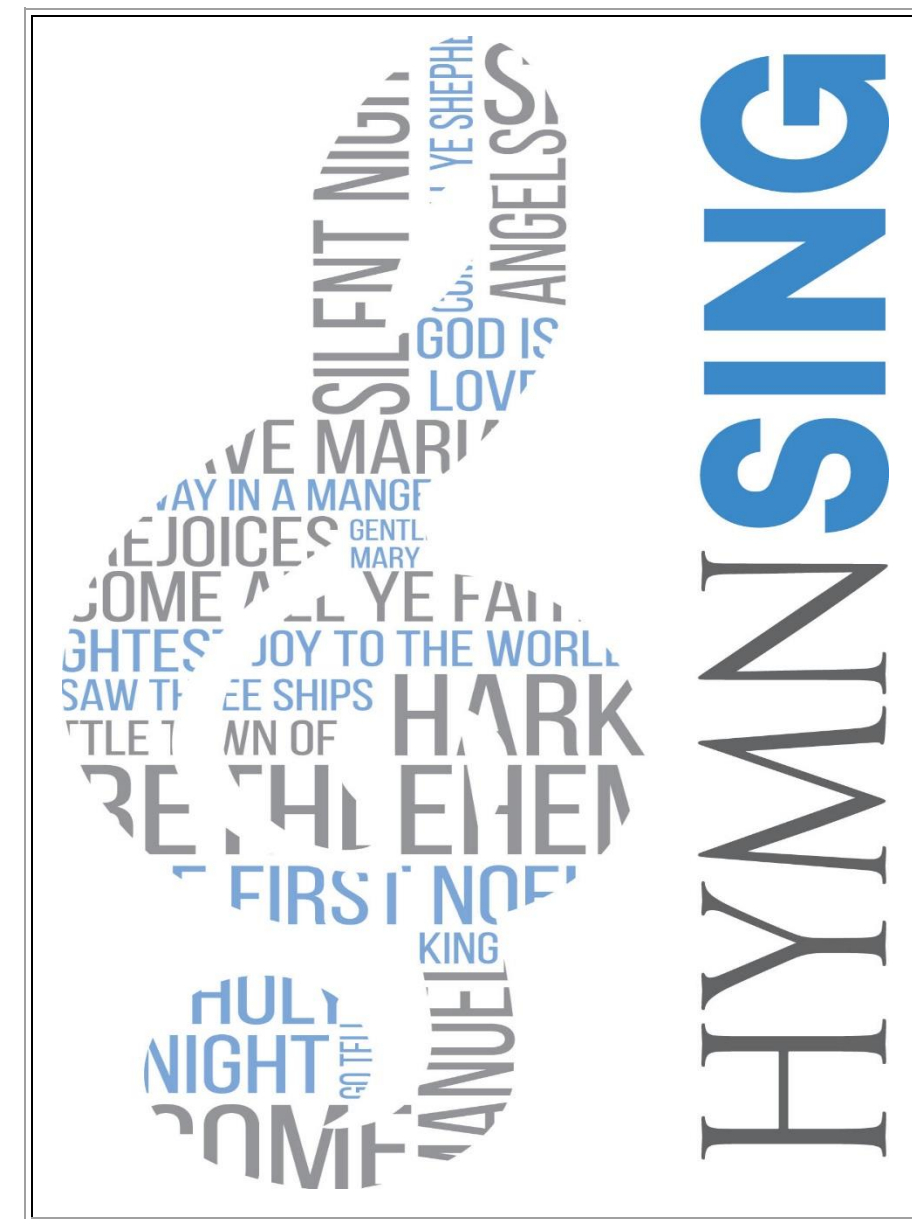
**Sunday, September 19**

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



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!  
September 5, 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 5	Monday, September 6	Tuesday, September 7	Wednesday, September 8	Thursday, September 9	Friday, September 10	Saturday, September 11
Morning: Ps. 103; 150	Morning: Ps. 5; 145	Morning: Ps. 42; 146	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11	Morning: Psalms 97; 147:12-20	Morning: Ps. 51; 148	Morning: Ps. 104; 149
1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 12:21-33	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 13:1-10	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 16:23-34	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 17:1-24	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 18:1-19	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 18:20-40	1 <sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 18:41-19:8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 4:18-31	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 1:1-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 1:12-30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 2:1-11	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 2:12-30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 3:1-16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Phil. 3:17-4:7
Gospel: John 10:31-42	Gospel: Mk. 15:40-47	Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12	Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23	Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12	Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Evening: Ps. 117; 139	Evening: Ps. 82; 29	Evening: Ps. 102; 133	Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Evening: Ps. 142; 65	Evening: Psalms 138; 98

# The Service for the Lord's Day Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

10:00 A.M.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY CHIMES

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

**People: The Lord will come to save us.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #420** "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*, verse 1)

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Fully human and fully God, Jesus understands all that we have done. Through His grace, there is hope of eternal forgiveness. Turn now from your past and embrace God's promised assurance that in Christ there is redemption and release from all sin. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Glory to God! 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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 604)

<sup>1</sup>A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

<sup>9</sup>Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

<sup>22</sup>Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

<sup>23</sup>for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

**\*HYMN #420** "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*, verses 2-4)

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 125 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 572)

<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.

<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.

<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers.  
Peace be upon Israel!

**\*HYMN #367** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"  
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

### THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-7 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 663)

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!"

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**\*HYMN #372** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

### FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146 (Pew Bible, OT, p. 581)

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

**\*HYMN #368** "I've Got Peace Like a River"  
(*"The Presbyterian Hymnal"*)

### HYMN SING