

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Sherry Shifflett, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Sherry Shifflett
CLASS OF 2020	USHER: Ed Kusper
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2021	Marty Paxton
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2022	Amanda Beam Rhonda Jones Nursery Backup (for 3+ babies) Brandi Lackey
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Diane Mullinax Richie Goodman

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors meets in the BPC Fellowship Hall, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. **They will NOT meet on December 24th, 25th, 26th or January 1st!**

Sunday, December 22

ADVENT IV
Christmas Joy Offering to be received
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:55 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior in BPC Fellowship Hall

Mon., Dec. 23rd – Thurs., Dec. 26th

Church office closed

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
NO LunchPlus Club today!

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
NO LunchPlus Club today!

Thursday, December 26

NO LunchPlus Club today!

Friday, December 27

5:30 – 8:00 PM – LMCS Youth Meeting in BPC Field, Pavilion & Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 29

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:55 AM – Fifth Sunday Worship Service of Lessons & Carols in BPC Fellowship Hall
11:15 AM – Lunch in BPC Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 30

Church office closed

Tuesday, December 31

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year! – Church office closed
NO LunchPlus Club today!

Sunday, January 5

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:55 AM – Worship Service
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM – Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
December 22, 2019**

***“A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”***

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. 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, December 22	Monday, December 23	Tuesday, December 24	Wednesday, December 25	Thursday, December 26	Friday, December 27	Saturday, December 28
Morning: Ps. 24; 150 1 st Read: 2 Samuel 7:18-29 2 nd Read: Gal. 3:1-14 Gospel: Luke 1:57-66 Evening: Ps. 25; 110	Morning: Ps. 122; 145 1 st Read: Jer. 31:10-14 2 nd Read: Gal. 3:15-22 Gospel: Mt. 1:1-17 Evening: Psalms 40; 67	Morning: Ps. 33; 146 1 st Read: Isaiah 60:1-6 2 nd Read: Gal. 3:23-4:7 Gospel: Mt. 1:18-25 Evening: Psalms 85; 94	Morning: Ps. 2; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4 2 nd Read: 1 John 4:7-16 Gospel: John 3:31-36 Evening: Psalms 98; 96	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 1 st Read: 2 Chr. 24:17-22 2 nd Read: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Acts 7:59-8:8 Evening: Ps. 119:1-24; 27	Morning: Ps. 34; 148 1 st Read: Prov. 8:22-30 2 nd Read: 1 John 5:1-12 Gospel: John 13:20-35 Evening: Ps. 19; 121	Morning: Psalms 2; 149 1 st Read: Isaiah 49:13-23 2 nd Read: Isaiah 54:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 18:1-14 Evening: Psalms 110; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Gesu Bambino" Pietro Yon

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Trent and Amber Graybeal

SONG OF ADVENT PREPARATION

***HYMN 2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You shower gifts on your people, O God, and forgive their faults. We keep accounts and settle old scores. You make peace, sending Christ as a sign of reconciliation and hope. We make war and call it peace-keeping. You give us a source of confidence as your Spirit is sent into our midst. We cause others to be restless, in our anxiety and self-concern. Have mercy upon us, forgive, and free us, that we may be renewed to serve your people with goodwill. *[Please take a moment for silent prayer and confession.]*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God, who is just and gracious, has send Jesus Christ into the world to redeem us from sin. As we turn to God with contrite hearts, Christ intercedes on our behalf. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

"Glory 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 YOUNGER CHRISTIANS

ANTHEM "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marty Paxton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:10-16 (Bible, OT p. 636)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-25 (Bible, NT p. 1)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Faith of Joseph" Rev. Meg Shaw Skidmore

***HYMN 27** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***ASSURANCE 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.

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 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Offertory "Ave Maria" C. Saint-Saens

*Doxology 440

**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 26** "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" ERMUNTRE DICH
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata on Antioch" John G. Barr

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. 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.