

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
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CLASS OF 2020	USHER: Ed Kusper
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	LECTOR Heather Kirkman
CLASS OF 2021	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	Linda VanPelt Marsha Johnson Nursery Backup (for 3+ babies) Susan Smith
CLASS OF 2022	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Property</i>	Brandi Lackey

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

December 1

Joys: Torvi's birthday (Marcia), Barbara (Sherry)

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.

Sunday, December 8

ADVENT II
8:45 AM - Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM - Sunday School
9:00 AM - Member Information Class
9:55 AM - Worship Service
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Latin Mission Christ Savior Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, December 9

7:15 PM - Mission/Evangelism Committee
7:15 PM - Worship Committee

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 AM - Nurture Committee
6:00 PM - Property Committee
7:00 PM - Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM - Communications Committee

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 AM - Mary's Bible Study in Session Room
6:00 - 7:15 PM - Fun & Fellowship Wednesday in BPC Fellowship Hall (Food - 6-6:30, Activity - 6:30-7:15)
6:30 PM - Youth Choir
7:00 PM - LMCS Bible Study
7:15 PM - Choir

Thursday, December 12

6:30 PM - Personnel Committee

Saturday, December 14

9:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 15

ADVENT III
Please bring wrapped Angel tree gifts to the church today!

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 15 (continued)

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

Monday, December 16

7:00 PM - Session Meeting

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 AM - Mary's Bible Study in Session Room
11:30 AM - LUNCH OUT at Logan's Roadhouse
6:30 PM - Youth Choir
7:00 PM - Choir
7:00 PM - LMCS Bible Study

Thursday, December 19

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat
6:00 - 8:00 PM - "Suds of Love" at Harris Laundromat

Friday, December 20

7:00 AM - 7:30 PM - KAPM's Annual Boston Butt BBQ at BPC (pickup from 5:30 - 7:30 PM at BPC)

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



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
December 8, 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 8	Monday, December 9	Tuesday, December 10	Wednesday, December 11	Thursday, December 12	Friday, December 13	Saturday, December 14
Morning: Ps. 24; 150 1 st Read: Amos 6:1-14 2 nd Read: 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 Gospel: Luke 1:57-68 Evening: Ps. 25; 110	Morning: Ps. 122; 145 1 st Read: Amos 7:1-9 2 nd Read: Rev. 1:1-8 Gospel: Mt. 22:23-33 Evening: Psalms 40; 67	Morning: Ps. 33; 146 1 st Read: Amos 7:10-17 2 nd Read: Rev. 1:9-16 Gospel: Mt. 22:34-46 Evening: Psalms 85; 94	Morning: Ps. 50; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Amos 8:1-14 2 nd Read: Rev. 1:17-2:7 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 Evening: Psalms 53; 17	Morning: Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Amos 9:1-10 2 nd Read: Rev. 2:8-17 Gospel: Mt. 23:13-26 Evening: Psalms 126; 62	Morning: Ps. 102; 148 1 st Read: Haggai 1:1-15 2 nd Read: Rev. 2:18-29 Gospel: Mt. 23:27-39 Evening: Ps. 130; 16	Morning: Psalms 90; 149 1 st Read: Haggai 2:1-9 2 nd Read: Rev. 3:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 24:1-14 Evening: Psalms 80; 72

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

December 8, 2019

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Comfort Ye My People" The Messiah G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Marty, Carrie, Mary Elizabeth and Dalton Paxton

SONG OF ADVENT PREPARATION

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 72

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

People: who alone does wondrous things.

Leader: Blessed be his glorious name forever;

People: may his glory fill the whole earth.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 13** "Prepare the Way" BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you judge your people with righteousness; we judge our neighbors either right or wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor; it is because of our greed than many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of your dominion, how you rule while sun and moon endure. Forgive us our sins, we humbly pray. *(Silent confession)*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: If we are willing, we will be taught. If we pause to listen, we will gain knowledge. If we reflect on God's statutes and meditate on God's commandments, God will give insight to our minds and our desire for wisdom will be granted. If we ask God for forgiveness, through Christ's intercession on our behalf, we receive it. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Many: Glory to God! Amen.

***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 "O, Children, Come" Keith and Kristyn Getty

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Heather Kirkman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10 (Bible, OT p. 640)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12 (Bible, NT p. 2)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Peace" William Watkins

***HYMN 48** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS'
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

Offertory "How Beautiful the Feet" The Messiah G.F. Handel

*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 478** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA
from The Presbyterian Hymnal

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune" Charpentier

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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.