

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 6, 2009 ~ 9:30 am

*(Items in bold are in unison. An asterisk * indicates a place where the people stand.)*

GATHERING

Prelude, "Shall We Gather at the River"

Tune by Robert Lowry/Young

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Ringing the Bell and Lighting the Candles

Filling the Baptismal Font

**Gathering Song, "Gather Us In"*

see insert

**Call to Worship*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:18

**Opening Sentences*

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
What is the chief end of human life?
**The chief end of human life is to glorify God
and to enjoy God forever.**

Philippians 4:4

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised.
It is time for the Lord to act.
Let us worship God, let us pray:

Psalms 119:146a

**Collect for the Lord's Day*

**Prayer of the Day*

**Hymn, "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"*

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Invitation

Prayer for Wholeness

**God of all people,
heal us of the limits we place on your healing power.
It is not up to us to decide who is deserving;
we need only see who is hurting.
All who trust in you are liberated and made whole.
Bring us to people in pain and brokenness,
and let us bring the touch of forgiveness and acceptance.
May the light of your healing power shine in and through us.
If Jesus can change and heal
regardless of ethnicity, gender, and religion,
so, in his name, can we.**

Silence

Response, "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

see insert

Assurance

**Gloria, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

417 (verse 4)

**The Peace*

Christ is in the midst of us!
He is and ever shall be.

The people may exchange with one another, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

Presentation of the Heifer Farm Trip

THE WORD

**Psalm of the Day, Psalm 146, "I'll Praise My Maker"*

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Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings Isaiah 35:4-7a;
Mark 7:24-37

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Sermon

Hymn, "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

106 (verse 1)

Prayers of God's Creation and People

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory, "It Is No Secret"

**Doxology, "Sheaves of Summer"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Prayer of Dedication*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of eternity,
for you bring forth bread from the Earth.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of eternity,
for you give us the fruit of the vine.

What you share with us
is for us to share with others.

**What we keep we lose,
but what we give away we have forever.**

Accept and use our offering for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Story

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is he,

O blessed is he

Psalm 24:1

Hamblen/Soloist, Mike Lewis

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TODAY:

Country Arch Worship Service 2:00 pm
BPC Day at Peaceful Valley Orchard for America’s Grow-A-Row 3:00-6:00 pm

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, September 9th ~ Bible Study Noon
Chatting and Knitting with Aleta 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 10th ~ Mission Circle 10:30 am
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm
Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 12th ~ Youth Kick Off/Lock In 6:00 pm

Sunday, September 13th ~ RALLY DAY
8:15 am Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Joyful Noise Choir & Junior Choir & Adult Education
10:00 am Chancel Choir
11:00 am Worship

COMING SOON:

September 19th ~ BPW Roast Beef Dinner 5-7:00 pm
September 20th-27th ~ Interfaith Hospitality Network
September 20th ~ Applesauce Making Day 9:00 am
October 4th ~ Organ Dedication Concert 4:00 pm
October 9th ~ F&E Family Game Night 6:00 pm
October 24th ~ BPW Argyles Fish & Chips 5-7 pm
November 1-8 ~ Interfaith Hospitality Network
November 7th ~ B&G Fall Clean-Up Day 8:30 am
November 21st ~ World Gift Market/BPW Soup & Bake Sale

**who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord’s Prayer p. 16 (“Traditional”)
The Breaking of Bread
Closing Prayer

**Hymn, “Wounded World that Cries for Healing”* see insert

SENDING

**Charge* 10 Commandments
**Binding, “Song of Simeon”* 603
**Benediction*
**Prelude, “Grand Choeur”* Young

SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist Alicia Tamilio
Deacon of the Day Susan Kalfaian
Coffee Hour Hosts Susan Paillex
Acolyte Bryan Etter
Communion Servers Jill O’Neil, Chip Paillex, and John Smith

We welcome Jim O’Neil as our organist this morning.

We greet all visitors with us today. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or a blue card in each pew. Place the card in the offering plate.

The flowers today are given by Jenny Vander Veen.

We are celebrating the baptismal anniversaries of Sean Matthew Tolkacz and Ryan Scott Tolkacz.

Large print bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, personal amplifiers and Children’s Activity Sheets are available from an usher.

We welcome to our church “working dogs and therapeutic dogs.”

If you have to leave the sanctuary, the service can be heard in the Parlor (the room at the bottom of the stairs to the Fellowship Hall).

Please contact the Deacon of the Day who will be happy to assist you with the elevator.

In preparation for next week’s service, please read Isaiah 50:4-9a and Mark 8:27-38. The hymns to be sung are “O Praise the Gracious Power,” “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” and “We Meet You, O Christ.”

If you would like a person added to our prayer list please write their name on a green Prayer Request Card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

Prayers of the People

Mary Bloemeke	Mike, Marilyn Ford's nephew	Nancy Rossnagel,
Wendy Arace	Frances Goldner, Maria Klein's mother	Jill O'Neil's mother Edna,
Gisela Ramberg	Vange Baker, friend of Lois Arace	Helen Frazee's sister- in-law
Helen Thorne	Robin Heacock, nephew of Hank &	Ray & Martha, friends of Ferdie
Marilyn Frankenbach	Chris Heacock	and June Paillex
Herb Hart	Grace, friend of Linda Allen	Jimmy Stolle, cousin of Priscilla
Margaret Negoescu	Joy Anderson, Marilyn Frankenbach's	Wallace
Jean Smith	sister	Gladys Judice, Lou's mother
Bob Negoescu	Nina Couselo, friend of Jane Weiss	Sigurid Duerr, Aunt of Jens Duerr
Helen Potter	Ken Piller, father of Liz Ashey	Joe Mireck, friend of Lauren
Barbara Patterson	Reese Barber, Bill &	Judice
Brett Pearson	Karen Hoff's granddaughter	

Service personnel: Nick Arace son of Gene and Laura Arace, grandson of Lois Arace.

Please notify the office when names can be removed from the prayer list.

~Church News~

“SAVE THE DATE” – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. Richard Morgan, Director of Music Ministries and Organist at St. James Church, Upper Montclair, will present a dedicatory concert on our new Walker American Classic Organ. Richard is formerly Director of Music and Organist here at BPC and prior to that served for 25 years as Organist and Choirmaster at St. Peter's Church in Morristown. He will be presenting a concert of music including works by Bach, Franck and Widor. In addition, the program will include several works demonstrating the organ's capability of reproducing rich orchestral ensemble and solo sounds. This is an important event in the history of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, and we hope everyone will come out for this celebration. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Concert.

The Organ Dedication Committee is working on plans for the Dedication Concert and is compiling a list of previous contributors to the BPC Organ Fund. A Contributors List will be included in the Program. If anyone would care to make a donation to the Fund at this time, please do so prior to Monday, September 21, so that your name can be included in the list.

The Committee would welcome all who would like to help out with this event. Any questions, please contact Karen Harrison or Vicki Fresolone.

Tickets for the **Roast Beef Dinner** on September 19th, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall following the church service. Please stop by at the table to make your reservations or to take some tickets to sell to your friends and family.

Tickets and reservations forms for **Argyles' Fish & Chips** dinner, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm, on October 24th will also be available. *These reservations must be made and paid for in advance.*

Joining a Choir at BPC ~ There is the Chancel Choir (meets Thursdays 7:30 pm & Sundays 10:00am), Bell Choir (meets Mondays 8:00 pm), Junior Choir and Joyful Noise Choirs (meet Sundays 9:45 am); something for everyone! All choirs welcome and appreciate new members. The easiest time to join is at the beginning of the choir season in September, but there are several additional opportunities thought out the year to join any choir. For further information about joining a choir, please see Helene Cantilina, Music Director.

Chatting and Knitting with Aleta has been rescheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 pm at her house. Everyone is invited.

Explorers Youth Group ~ All 2nd through 5th graders are invited to join. We enjoy mission projects, devotions, and fun together! We will meet in the fellowship hall every 2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month from 6-7:30. Our first meeting will be September 19th at Peaceful Valley Orchard at 1:00 pm to pick with Anderson House. Pizza will be provided for lunch along with a discussion of our plans for the upcoming year. You can contact Lisa Eichlin to get more information on our monthly activities. Hope to see you there!

RALLY DAY is next Sunday. *Worship services resume to 8:15 am and 11:00 am.* Now is your chance to register your children for Sunday School from 9:00 – 9:30 am during a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Youth Group. Sunday School starts at 9:30 am in the sanctuary for an Opening Worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ~ We are in need of Sunday school teachers, specifically for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades. If interested in any way, please contact Alicia Tamlilio.

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church Band ~ Starting September 17th, and every Thursday thereafter, from 7 to 8 PM, the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church Band (BP/CB) will meet for practice, rehearsal, jam sessions, whatever you want to call it! All musicians from 6th through 12 grades are invited to perform. Contact Frank McDonald for more information.

On Sunday, September 13th, **America's Grow-a-Row will host "Bethlehem Presbyterian Church"** day on the farm. We will pick from 4:30pm - 6:00pm at Peaceful Valley Orchards and then celebrate with pie and ice cream. If you would like to join in this fun for a great cause, please RSVP to Chip Paillex or Colleen Duerr.

Sunday, September 20th will be **applesauce making day**. Aleta Lambert is leading this project from 9:00am until about noon. We will use gleaned apples to make applesauce for donations to Morristown Soup Kitchen and the North Hunterdon Food Pantry. If anyone has apple peelers, a food mill, or would like to donate apples and/or freezable plastic bags for this project, please contact Aleta.

Mark your calendar for Friday, October 9th for **Game Night** at BPC starting at 6pm. Please bring a few dollars for pizza. We will have lots of different games to play - fun for all ages! This is a great opportunity for fellowship, so please bring friends.