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Due to the COVID-19 virus all Sunday Worship Services will be shortened and begin @ 10:00 am, until further notice. No other gatherings, during pandemic



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to receive our news feed

Email us to receive enews: bishopvillepc@gmail.com
Printed materials available, upon request, through office

The Session will meet, as needed, to approve appropriate & safe decisions regarding Church services & gatherings.

All updates will be posted on our website & our Facebook page, as it becomes available

November Elders-On-Call:
Cindy Welsh & Steven Frazier

COVID SERVICE SCHEDULE

NO Sunday School
NO Fellowship & Coffee
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Business Office Hours
9:00 am - 6:00 pm (Monday - Wednesday)
Unless otherwise noted

Key Officers and Staff
Clerk: Charlie Ipock / Gregg McCutchen, Asst.
Treasurer: Gregg McCutchen
Assistant Treasurer: Billy Clyburn
Office Manager: Gwen Hayden Steinmeyer
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Parnell

NOVEMBER

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From the Pastor's Desk...

"I guess I'm just a worrier. That's why my friends call me 'Whiskers'" - Will Ferrell as Harry Carey, Saturday Night Live

I'm sure we can all identify with Ferrell's Harry Carey a little bit, especially this year. It's hard not to worry in a year where we've had a pandemic, earthquakes, storms, floods, "murder" hornets, and an incredibly polarizing election cycle. You're almost afraid to ask, "What next?" While most of us have heard the quote from CS Lewis, "Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you will get neither," most of us probably - this year anyway - wonder if "getting earth thrown in" would be worth it.

I suppose that's why what Jesus says - when He says, "Don't worry!" - it chafes us a little bit. Don't we want to look at Jesus and say, "Hey, I've got kids. I've got pets. I've got a wife and a 401k and a car I'm still paying for. What do you mean, 'Don't worry'? Don't you see what I've got to worry about?!" So how can Jesus tell us not to worry, especially in a year like 2020?

That's why it's so important to know *exactly* what Jesus says. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, "O you of little faith . . . do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and **your heavenly Father knows that you need them all**. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Look at that - Jesus connects faith, anxiety, need, righteousness and God our heavenly Father . . . just like he does when he teaches us how to pray. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus transforms how we look at things, like who we consider to be "blessed," like how we practice our religion, like how we look at ourselves, and like what we think is wise. Here, Jesus is upending what should be the focus of our life.

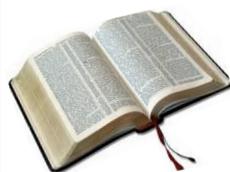
What's He saying? He's saying that, for most humans, our living from day-to-day is centered on providing for our needs - our bodily needs, our security needs, our social needs, our religious or spiritual needs. What am I going to eat? Where am I going to sleep tonight? Who's watching over my town? Who's looking out for my nation? Who's looking out for my soul? Jesus takes those questions, those right-enough-seeming questions, and he upends them. He says, "Look at the focus of all those questions - me, my, I. Anyone, everyone anywhere and at anytime looks after those things. Those are Gentile priorities - not my priority. And look - God your Father in Heaven knows you need those things! But are you focused, are you centered on God?"

Did you see that? Jesus says, "Don't worry!", He's actually saying what CS Lewis in *Mere Christianity* says: "But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in." Where are we putting our hope? What are we anxious to see happen? Our Lord wants us to seek Him - first and foremost - and to let our seeking Him inform, bless, and transform everything else we look for and need. It's a challenge! It's tough, especially in a year like 2020 that threatens our attention so desperately. But this is what Jesus wants for us. And who can argue with that?

God bless you! Pastor Chris



November Sunday Sermons & Scriptures



Nov. 1st:	<i>The Holy King</i>	1 Samuel 21:1-9
Nov. 8 th :	<i>The Crowned King</i>	2 Samuel 5:1-10
Nov. 15 th :	<i>The Kind King</i>	2 Samuel 9:1-13
Nov. 22 nd :	<i>The Greatest King</i>	2 Samuel 12:1-13
Nov. 29 th :	<i>First Advent - Hanging of Greens service</i>	

News from the Session...

For many, the future is unknown. But for Christians, we know the future. We know that in the final consummation, God wins and overcomes. Things are made right. Sin does not distort anymore and we are made full in His image. Yet, this is hard to grasp onto in these uncertain times with so much going on everywhere we look. We want things fixed and done yesterday, but God knows best and we must recall His overcoming sin and death through His son Jesus Christ, which will be more full when He comes again. I share this message because hope is needed in this time. We have hope in Christ. To share that hope, your Session has been meeting this month discerning how to best share the gifts of the Church by way of budgeting. Fiscally, the Church is on solid ground. Expectations were low this year in this regard, yet, God has seen us through and incredibly the Church is even stronger financially than last year. This goes by way of missions, youth outreach, and more as well. If there is something that has been on your heart, please let the Session know so that we may budget appropriately to share the gifts God has given to all. Please continue to pray for the Session, as we are for you, and seek continued strength for all who call out to Jesus Christ.

Please continue to social distance as our cases are unstable. We invite anyone who wishes to worship with us on Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m. Sanitizer & Masks are available for anyone needing them. The Session will meet November 29th, after worship, to decide upcoming schedule & events.

In Christ, Charlie Ipock - Clerk of Session

NOVEMBER ELDERS-ON-CALL
Cindy Welsh & Steven Frazier
Called Session: Nov. 29th, after worship

October 2020 Statistics	
Worship Attendance average: 33	
Budgeted Income & Expenses (operating)	
MTD Income received:	\$16,279.55
YTD Income received:	\$156,101.47
Budgeted YTD Income Needed:	\$177,350.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$14,130.83
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$157,380.72
Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$178,728.00
Non-Budgeted Income & Expenses (Memorial, Building, & Cemetery Funds)	
MTD Income received:	\$400.00
YTD Income received:	\$3,140.00
MTD Expenses disbursed:	\$0.00
YTD Expenses disbursed:	\$2,200.00

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 Learn about Wreaths Across America's
 Mission to Remember, Honor and Teach

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, December 19th

11:45 a.m.

BPC Cemetery

Everyone is welcome to attend

November is National Hospice Month. Please pray for the families & patients receiving Hospice care & their Hospice teams

Our HOMEBOUND Members

- Doris Bell**, Memory Care Manor, Florence
- Dot Cothran** @ home, under Hospice
- Laura Latimer**, The Blake, Elgin
- Boochie Swearingen**, Sunrise, Charlotte
- Judith Watkins** @ home, under Hospice

Congratulations to c/o 2023 Elders

Ray Drayton Charlie Ipock Perry McCutchen

Thank you to the 2020 Nominating Committee; Matt Bramlett, Cindy Welsh, Kathryn Welch, Susan Cline & Andrea McCutchen, for all the work & time spent to secure our candidates. Please keep all our Elders in your daily prayers



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

Don't forget to order your Christmas Poinsettia's

Order forms are in weekly bulletins and in the Church office. Plants will adorn the Sanctuary **November 29th - December 20th**. Make checks

payable to the church. **Cost is \$14.50/ea.**

Order Deadline: November 15th



Hanging of Greens Service

Sunday, November 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

Come join us as our Sanctuary comes alive with the sights and sounds of the Advent season.

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th @ 5:30 p.m.
Bishopville PC Sanctuary



Presbyterian Women
RADA fundraiser
 for Ministry & Missions

You can order through our website or the link below to help support them year round
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1838016.df3fba>



Flower Calendar NOVEMBER

1st: Crues & Renee Bell
 8th: Wendy & Benny Welch
 15th: Ray & Jackie Drayton
 22nd: Naomi McCutchen Family
 29th: Hanging of Greens

DECEMBER

6th - 20th: Christmas Poinsettia Array
 27th: OPEN

JANUARY

3rd: Gregg & Jenny McCutchen
 17th: Carol Latimer Finethy
 24th: Charlie & Virginia Ipock
 10th & 31st: OPEN



Canned Food & Monetary gifts for the Lee County Cooperative Ministries (LCCM)
 1st Sunday of each month

Please note "LCCM" on all monetary LCCM gifts

November & December designated items are:
HOLIDAY NON-PERISHABLES

Please leave all food donations in Bell Tower room (in LCCM canister)

Email & Postal mail, is checked and acted on, daily as applicable. All donations/tithes can be mailed to

Bishopville PC
 POB 66

Bishopville, SC 29010

NOTE: All mail sent to our street address will be returned by Post Office

Business Office Hours: Mon-Wed, 9:00 - 6:00

Vacation/Holiday Business Office closings:

November 4th; 24th - 25th

December 22nd - 28th

Please contact the Church Office with any contact and/or Email/Calendar/Circle changes

Happy Birthday November December

Ari Dickinson	3	Michael Jeffords	5
Rawlins Crues Smith	3	Sara Catherine Corbett	6
Jerry Adams	4	Gordon Eckley	8
Thaddeus Matthew Bailey	8	Becky Crichton	9
Maddie Varn	8	Mike Monroe	13
Jill McElveen	9	Janice Reynolds	13
Eddie Boykin	10	Boochie Swearingen	13
Catherine Bell Smith	12	Dawn Levers	14
Judith Watkins	12	Maggie Corbett	15
Cally Bell	14	Tom Kerr	18
MaryAnna Welsh	14	Jennifer McCutchen	18
Peggy Corbett	15	Billy Simon	20
Ashleigh Nesbitt	18	Retta Tindal	24
Missy Kirven	20	Brooke Welch	24
Perry McCutchen	22	Wyatt Frazier	28
Dr. Leon Hunt	23	Rena Smith	29
Jackie Drayton	25		
Teresa Sweatman	26		
Jane Harrington	27		
Sissy Jeffords	29		
Lisa Jeffords	30		



Kid's for Christ Ministry

Our children helped a local family with 2 boys who lost their father, in August, by providing school supplies and clothing to them and fed the Lee Academy football team in October. We are very proud of how responsibly they help in times of need! Israel Coin banks will be collected on

Nov. 29th for Jewish Voice Ministries and all loose offering on November 29th will support all the Kids for Christ missions



Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus)...

All Church events, except Worship have been cancelled, until further notice.

Worship Service: Sunday's @ 10:00 a.m.

Other events will be determined and posted on/in our website, bulletins, newsletters, FB, etc...

UPDATE: Community Thanksgiving & Christmas services are cancelled

Each Church will hold independent services