

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

[If you have a prayer concern or joy to share during the week, please email Rev. Ellen at ellen@bethpagechurch.org]

April 23

Joys: Brandi & Charlie (Nurture), Paula (Nurture), Dalton (Linda), Bethpage Church

Concerns: Barbara & Sherry (Christel), Rumble Family (Nurture), Phil (Nurture)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, April 30

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Fifth Sunday Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion

Monday, May 1 – Sunday, May 7

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

Monday, May 1

2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Wednesday, May 3

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, May 4

National Day of Prayer
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker’s Creek

Saturday, May 6

9:00 AM – Playground Mulch Day

Sunday, May 7

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, May 7

11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

Monday, May 8

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker’s Creek

Wednesday, May 10

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm
 6:30 PM – Choir

Thursday, May 11

9:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Saturday, May 13

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Garden Plant Day
 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 14

Mother’s Day
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

April 30, 2017

“A family of faith 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. Please, let us get to know you a little better by filling out the information card, inside the brochure. You can drop it in the offering plate. 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, April 30	Monday, May 1	Tuesday, May 2	Wednesday, May 3	Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5	Saturday, May 6
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 st Reading: Daniel 4:1-18 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 4:7-11 Gospel: John 21:15-25 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 st Reading: Dan. 4:19-27 2 nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:19-4:6 Gospel: Luke 4:14-30 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 st Reading: Daniel 4:28-37 2 nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 Gospel: Luke 4:31-37 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Daniel 5:1-12 2 nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-12 Gospel: Luke 4:38-44 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Daniel 5:13-30 2 nd Reading: 1 Jn. 5:13-20 (21) Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 st Reading: Daniel 6:1-15 2 nd Reading: 2 John 1-13 Gospel: Luke 5:12-26 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Reading: Daniel 6:16-28 2 nd Reading: 3 John 1-15 Gospel: Luke 5:27-39 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

The Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)**

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, we have come here today to worship you and to remember that in our baptism you have cleansed and claimed us, in your crucifixion you have taken upon yourself our sin and death and in your resurrection you have then awakened us to eternal life, on earth as it is in heaven. By your Spirit today, make these realities truth to us in ways we have never known before. Give us your presence and your peace. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 104

Minister: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Congregation: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Minister: May my meditations be pleasing to you, O God for I rejoice in the Lord.

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ALL: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 119** "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

With newness of life all about us, O God, we cling to the old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. Yet, the darkness of doubt threatens to dispel the newness of life the Spirit brings. We are afraid, at times, to admit what it might mean if we surrendered ourselves to your way, your life, your grace. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. As a result, we miss your Good News and the strength only union IN you can bring. Free us from the wandering about in the spiritual blindness that Easter morning came to dispel. Forgive us, O Lord! Believing, help our hearts to respond only you. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN 579**

"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

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Savior" Kevin Hamilton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Brandi Lackey

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:19-23 (Bible, NT p. 115)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "An Unpredictable Peace" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** "What Grace is Mine" O DANNY BOY
Words: Kristyn Getty

**"What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in his name be known**

**So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him**

**What grace is mine to know His breath alive in me
Beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee for death's dark night is overcome
My Savior lives and reigns forevermore**

**So I will go wherever He is calling me
I lose my life to find my life in Him
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies
I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow Him "**

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Hymnal, p. 14)

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 "Shall We Gather at the River" Spiritual arranged by Aaron Copland
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Doxology 592

**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 2115** "Christ Has Risen" HOLY MANNA

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Song without Words" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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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.

USHERS	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
HEAD USHER Diane Mullinax	Brandi Lackey Al Smith
USHERS Ed and Cheryl Kusper	
LECTOR	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Brandi Lackey	No Children's Worship