

**PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**May 14**

**Joys:** Guy (Heather)

**Concerns:** Faye (Betty)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, May 21**

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 Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

**Tuesday, May 23**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Wednesday, May 24**

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

**Thursday, May 25**

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker’s Creek

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 28**

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 Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

**Monday, May 29**

Memorial Day – Church office closed

**Tuesday, May 30**

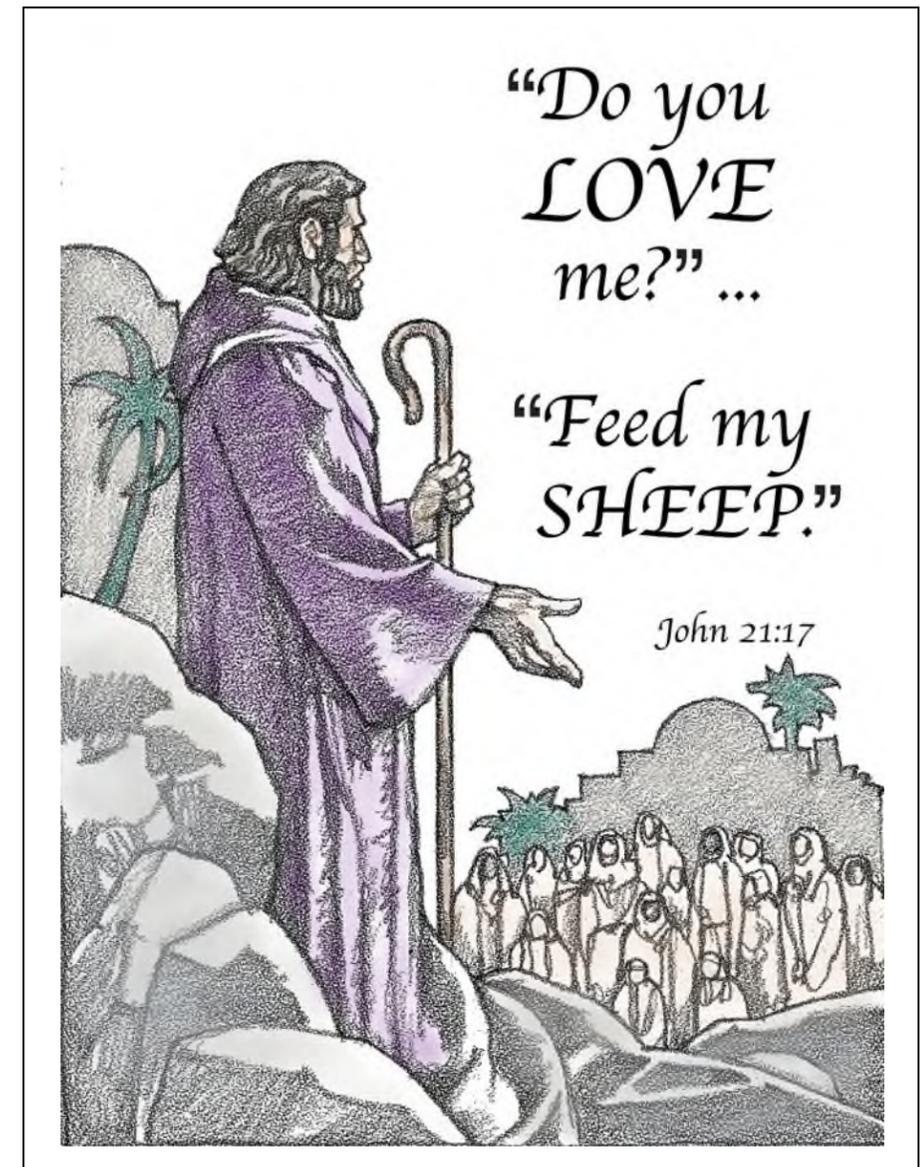
7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Wednesday, May 31**

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

**Sunday, June 4**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 Pentecost Offering to be received  
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
 8:00 AM – KAPM Breakfast Meeting at Second PC, Kannapolis  
 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  
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion  
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

May 21, 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!*

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, May 21	Monday, May 22	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25	Friday, May 26	Saturday, May 27
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 15:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gospel: Mt. 13:24-34a Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 8:1-10 Or alternate 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:9-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1:1-15 Gospel: Luke 9:18-27 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 8:11-20 Or alternate 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 1:16-27 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 19:1-7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:13-18 Gospel: Luke 12:22-31 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28(b) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:5-18 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezek. 1:28-3:3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 3:4-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5:7-14 Gospel: Luke 9:37-50 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 21, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Take now our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray. Give us the mind of Christ each passing day. Teach us to know the truth that sets us free. Grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee. Amen.

**PRELUDE**      *"Largo movement from Concerto in D Minor"*  
A. Vivaldi, Arr. by J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: To the fisherman Jesus said:*

**Congregation: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."**

*Leader: To the tax collector Jesus said:*

**Congregation: "Follow me."**

*Leader: To the rich man Jesus said:*

**Congregation: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."**

*Leader: At the last supper Jesus said:*

**Congregation: "Follow me."**

*Leader: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:*

**Congregation: "Follow me!"**

ALL: Let us follow, without any hesitation. Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 356**      *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*      NETTLETON

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Leader: Lord, save us from ourselves.*

**Congregation: We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results.**

*Leader: Lord, save us from doing too much.*

**Congregation: We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.**

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*Leader: Lord, save us from doing too little.*

**Congregation: We say we love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep.**

*Leader: Lord, save us from ourselves.*

**Congregation: Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me." (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**      Sterling Savage

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**      Kevin Hamilton

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      John 21:15-19 (Bible, NT p. 116)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**      *"Do You Love Me?"*      Roger Hamilton

**\*HYMN** (insert)      *"Facing a Task Unfinished"*      AURELIA

**\*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      *"Grazioso"*      Georg Philipp Telemann  
\*Doxology 592      OLD HUNDREDTH  
**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 391**      *"Take My Life"*      HENDON

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**      *"Aria"*      Paul Manz

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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.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Linda VanPelt
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