

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

January 14

Joys: Tristan (Kim)

Concerns: Flood Victims (Rev. Ellen), Angela (Margaret), Family of Reggie (Curt)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, January 21

Annual Meeting reports available for the Congregation

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

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting

6:00 PM – Adult Small Groups

6:00 PM – Youth Choir

7:15 PM – Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 28

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM – Sunday School

9:55 AM – Worship Service with Annual Church Meeting

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, January 30

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm

6:00 PM – Adult Small Groups

6:00 PM – Youth Choir

7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, February 3

1:00 – 4:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 4

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

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

6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

January 21, 2018

“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. 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, January 21	Monday, January 22	Tuesday, January 23	Wednesday, January 24	Thursday, January 25	Friday, January 26	Saturday, January 27
Morning: Psalms 67; 150	Morning: Psalms 57; 145	Morning: Psalms 54; 146	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11	Morning: Ps. 143; 147:12-20	Morning: Psalms 88; 148	Morning: Psalms 122; 149
1 st Reading: Gen. 13:2-18	1 st Reading: Genesis (14:1-7) 8-24	1 st Reading: Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21	1 st Reading: Genesis 16:1-14	1 st Reading: Gen. 16:15-17:14	1 st Reading: Gen. 17:15-27	1 st Reading: Genesis 18:1-16
2 nd Reading: Gal. 2:1-10	2 nd Reading: Heb. 8:1-13	2 nd Reading: Heb. 9:1-14	2 nd Reading: Hebrews 9:15-28	2 nd Reading: Heb. 10:1-10	2 nd Reading: Heb. 10:11-25	2 nd Reading: Heb. 10:26-39
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37	Gospel: John 4:43-54	Gospel: John 5:1-18	Gospel: John 5:19-29	Gospel: John 5:30-47	Gospel: John 6:1-15	Gospel: John 6:16-27
Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Evening: Psalms 100; 63

The Service for the Lord's Day
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018 9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Canzona" Leon Boellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 69** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

***HYMN 2040** "Awesome God" AWESOME GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Merciful God"
Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

(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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Eric McKnight

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:22-31 (Bible, OT p. 30)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Bible, NT p. 185)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Spiritual Strength Training: Struggle"
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 304** "Jesus Loves Me!" JESUS LOVES ME

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I belong- body and soul, in life and death- not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has also assured me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

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 "Reverie" Louis Vierne
*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 403** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Praeludium in G Major" J.S. Bach

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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.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Presbyterian Psychological Services is an integrated, interdisciplinary center for psychiatry, psychology, pastoral counseling, career counseling, and community education. We are committed to empowering all individuals, couples, and families in our community to heal and grow in an atmosphere of safety and clinical expertise. Contact info: 704-554-9900 or www.presbypsych.org.

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>	HEAD USHER Jenny Linebarrier
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS: Marty & Carrie Paxton
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
	Eric McKnight
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Judy Petrea Susan Smith
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