

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 15

Concerns: Terry Faulkner Family (Amy A. Ritchie), 549th Unit (Sherry Childers), Christine Watson (Sherry Childers), Wellmon and Tucker families (Janice Morgan), Family of Melba Virginia Howard (Mark & Vickie Gurley), Congregation of Grace Baptist Church (Christel Josey), Janice Morgan (Diane Mullinax), Family of Doris White (Betty Christy)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, January 22

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, January 24

9:00 AM – Sunshine Group

Wednesday, January 25

5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 29

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Annual Church Meeting in the 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 Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 1

5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 CVAN Paper Goods Drive
 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
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GRACE

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become NEW!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

⁶As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

January 22, 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, January 22	Monday, January 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, January 25	Thursday, January 26	Friday, January 27	Saturday, January 28
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: Isa. 47:1-15 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 10:19-31 Gospel: John 5:2-18 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: Isa. 48:1-11 2 nd Reading: Gal. 1:1-17 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: Isaiah 48:12-21 (22) 2 nd Reading: Galatians 1:18-2:10 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-12 2 nd Reading: Gal. 2:11-21 Gospel: Mark 6:13-29 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Isaiah 49:13-23 (24-26) 2 nd Reading: Gal. 3:1-14 Gospel: Mark 6:30-46 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: Isa. 50:1-11 2 nd Reading: Gal. 3:15-22 Gospel: Mark 6:47-56 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: Isaiah 51:1-8 2 nd Reading: Gal. 3:23-29 Gospel: Mark 7:1-23 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

January 22, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people: to come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting spirits, to rest in all your promises. Open our eyes to see as Jesus Christ saw. Open our ears to hear your Word. Visit us through your Holy Spirit, and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

PRELUDE *Fugue in E Flat Major "O God, Our Help"* J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

People: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

ALL: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

***HYMN 293** *"This Is My Father's World"* TERRA BEATA

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will.

People: Lord, forgive our greed and give us eyes to see success as Jesus Christ did.

Leader: We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands.

People: Lord, forgive those actions that betray the allegiance of our hearts. Help us to say and do as Jesus Christ did.

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Leader: Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants.

People: Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

ALL: Amen. *(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

1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13 ([Bible](#), OT p. 259)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16 ([Bible](#), NT p. 181)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"Newness of Sight"* Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 339** *"Be Thou My Vision"* SLANE

***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 *"Reverie"* Louis Verne
*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 375** *"Lord of All Good"* TOULON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** *"Sonata III"* Felix Mendelssohn Bartholomew

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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>	HEAD USHER Jenny Linebarrier
CLASS OF 2017	USHERS Marty Paxton Glenda Kirkman
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Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
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