

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 21

Joys: Bill

Concerns: Toot, Lee (Sherri), Janice (Diane), Barbara

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, February 5

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 10

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 11

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

January 28, 2018

**“A family of faith
 yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”**



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, January 28	Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30	Wednesday, January 31	Thursday, February 1	Friday, February 2	Saturday, February 3
Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1st Reading: Genesis 18:16-33 2nd Reading: Gal. 5:13-25 Gospel: Mark 8:22-30 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1st Reading: Gen. 19:1-17 (18-23) 24-29 2nd Reading: Heb. 11:1-12 Gospel: John 6:27-40 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1st Reading: Gen. 21:1-21 2nd Reading: Heb. 11:13-22 Gospel: John 6:41-51 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-18 2nd Reading: Heb. 11:23-31 Gospel: John 6:52-59 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Ps. 116; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Genesis 23:1-20 2nd Reading: Heb. 11:32-12:2 Gospel: John 6:60-71 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1st Reading: Gen. 24:1-27 2nd Reading: Heb. 12:3-11 Gospel: John 7:1-13 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1st Reading: Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51 2nd Reading: Heb. 12:12-29 Gospel: John 7:14-36 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

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!

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

January 28, 2018 9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Valet will ich dir geben" ("I will say farewell") J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

***HYMN 326** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations. Let us worship God!

***HYMN 144** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" HYFRYDOL

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Merciful God, of what do we boast?—by ourselves?

People: Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.

Leader: The Apostle Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

People: Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.

Leader: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

People: Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.

Leader: Jesus says "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

ALL: Permeate our lives with your grace, Lord, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake, and fill us with the knowledge that it is when we allow ourselves to be empowered by you, that we are truly strong. **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

ANTHEM "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

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: Weakness?"
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 181** "Come Sing to God" ELLACOMBE

***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 "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach
*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** "Praeludium in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

Annual Church Meeting [Members please remain seated. Visitors may leave at this time.]

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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 2018	USHERS: Marty & Carrie Paxton
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Doug Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Richie Goodman
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Brandi Lackey Leslie Gibson
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Glenda Kirkman Kim Gibson