

**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).]

**January 22**

**Joys:** Aubrey and Alice Tarlton (Jill Hamilton) Blessings to flow (Rev. Ellen)  
**Concerns:** Albert Johnson (Susan Smith), Greenbay Packers, Garrett Scarborough (Teresa Kincaid), Conzo McCauley (Suds of Love), Tony Hamrick (Suds of Love), Anita (Suds of Love), Justin Wellmon (Janice Morgan), Maxine Broadway Family (Amy A. Ritchie), Brother-in-law (Ronnie Hall), Phil (Ed Kusper), Steve Christy (Betty Christy), Wynona (Ronnie)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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  
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

**Monday, February 6**  
 11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

**Tuesday, February 7**  
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

**Wednesday, February 8**  
 5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Saturday, February 11**  
 9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 12**  
 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  
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

**GRACE**

**2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2**

14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And 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.

16 From 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.

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

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

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

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

6<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For 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!

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**Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

January 29, 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 29	Monday, January 30	Tuesday, January 31	Wednesday, February 1	Thursday, February 2	Friday, February 3	Saturday, February 4
Morning: Ps. 108; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa. 51:9-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11:8-16 Gospel: John 7:14-31 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa. 51:17-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 4:1-11 Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52:1-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 4:12-20 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa. 52:13-53:12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 4:21-31 Gospel: Mark 8:11-26 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 54:1-10 (11-17) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 5:1-15 Gospel: Mark 8:27-9:1 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa. 55:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 5:16-24 Gospel: Mark 9:2-13 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 5:25-6:10 Gospel: Mark 9:14-29 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

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

January 29, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord, as we come to worship this day remind us of your glory. Make us mindful of what a privilege it is to be in the presence of the one who created heaven and earth. At the same time, help us come in reverence, for we are a people of unclean lips and hearts. Finally, remind us of how loved we are; love so amazing and divine. May these traits of awe, privilege, reverence and love so combine in us today, that we may truly worship you with our whole hearts, minds and will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**PRELUDE** *Largo from "Xerxes"* G. F. Handel

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Minister: Where the Father's grace has walked.*

**People: We, God's children come**

*Minister: Seen through Christ the hurt and lost.*

**People: We, God's children come**

*Minister: Spirit's mercy shown to you, Gifts of kindness to renew, Love of Father, Son and Spirit,*

**People: with heart sincere and True - We, God's children come!**

ALL: Let all God's children come and worship God!

**\*HYMN** (insert) *"Come, People of the Risen King"*  
Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Adapted from Faith and Worship

Forgive me those times when I consider myself to be of little value. Remind me constantly that you died for me, making me a new creation before I even knew you. I want to move forward with you, Lord, but I am held back by the burdens of the old creation I carry, afraid to let go, lessen the load, to let myself become vulnerable to be loved and in turn love, to receive and in turn give. Personally and as your church we want to move forward with you, Lord, but our ways are often not your ways. Open our heart to forgiveness, and let that forgiveness touch the hearts of others, that all might be blessed and in turn become a blessing. 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** *"Contemplative Spiritual"* Arr. by Donald Moore

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Richie Goodman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 32:24-32 (Bible, OT p. 30)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Corinthians 5:17 (Bible, NT p. 181)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *"Graceful Creation"* Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert) *"In Christ Alone"* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*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 *"At the River"* Aaron Copland  
\*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 525** *"Here I Am, Lord"* HERE I AM, LORD

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** *"Simple Gifts"* variation on Shaker tune

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.

**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>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Jenny Linebarrier
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Marty Paxton Glenda Kirkman
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>  Richie Goodman
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	Rhonda Jones & Leslie Gibson
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	No Children's Worship