

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

December 31

Joys: All the babies in church today (Rev. Ellen), Sister Judy visiting (Sterling), Silas (Heather)

Concerns: Kim, Family of 9 year old girl who passed, Tristen (Kim), Jordan – Anna – Maverick – Ezekiel (Eric & Sherri), Victims of fire (Rev. Ellen), Family of Alice (Ronnie), Kristin & Matthew (VanPelts & Paxtons), Tom (Kim), Linda (Fred), Church in Egypt (Rev. Ellen)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, January 7

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 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 PM – Stewardship Committee
 1:00 PM – Take down Decorations
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

Monday, January 8

7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, January 9

Annual Reports due to church office
 6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, January 10

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, January 13

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Healthy Congregations/Healthy Pastors Seminar in BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 14

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

Monday, January 15

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, January 16

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm
 6:00 PM – Adult Small Groups
 6:00 PM – Youth Choir
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, January 18

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

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

And the child grew and became
strong in spirit,

filled with wisdom;
 and the grace of
 God was upon him.

Luke 2:40



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

January 7, 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 7	Monday, January 8	Tuesday, January 9	Wednesday, January 10	Thursday, January 11	Friday, January 12	Saturday, January 13
Morning: Psalms 104; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 1:1-2:3 2 nd Reading: Eph. 1:3-14 Gospel: John 1:29-34 Evening: Psalm 29	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 st Reading: Genesis 2:4-9 (10-15) 16-25 2 nd Reading: Heb. 1:1-14 Gospel: John 1:1-18 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 st Reading: Genesis 3:1-24 2 nd Reading: Heb. 2:1-10 Gospel: John 1:19-28 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 4:1-16 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 2:11-18 Gospel: John (1:29-34) 35-42 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Genesis 4:17-26 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 3:1-11 Gospel: John 1:43-51 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 st Reading: Genesis 6:1-8 2 nd Reading: Heb. 3:12-19 Gospel: John 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 st Reading: Genesis 6:9-22 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13 Gospel: John 2:13-22 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day
Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter" J.S. Bach
("Come, Thou Jesus, from Heaven to Earth")

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE
(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)**

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN** (insert) "Holy Spirit" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
***HYMN 2164** "Sanctuary" SANCTUARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from 1 Samuel 1:1, 9

Minister: My heart exalts in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord!

Congregation: He will guard the feet of his faithful ones

ALL: Faithful, we come to worship God!

***HYMN 63** (v. 1-3) "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, you have called us by name.
You will not let us lounge in bed.
You wake us up even after years of prayer; you hear . . .
(Take a moment to remember the long-awaited answered prayer.)

You will not let us bury our secrets within the earth.
You unearth our fears and speak them aloud . . .
(Take a moment to name your fears.)

Forgive us, O God, when we cannot speak.
Reveal the words we need most.
In Jesus Christ, we pray. 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 Jimmie Melton

OLD TESTAMENT READING
1 Samuel 2:1-3, 9-10 (Bible, OT p. 245)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:36-40 (Bible, NT p. 59)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Hope Realized" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Eva Marie Kirkman

***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.

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Eva Marie Kirkman into this, Christ's church, to share with us in his ministry and kingdom, for we are all one in Jesus Christ. (passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ.)

***HYMN 2051** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" WATERLIFE

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
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory "Chorale" Brahms
*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 66** (v. 1, 5) "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "And the Glory of the Lord" The Messiah G.F. Handel

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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> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Jimmie Melton
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Rhonda Jones Jacob Smith
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Glenda Kirkman Robin Barham