

**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 1**

**Joys:** Bethpage Church (Christel)

**Concerns:** Heather Bell & Austin Taylor (Heather Bell), Josh & Sherry (Christel), Sherry & Josh (Linda VanPelt), Baucom Family

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, January 8**

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  
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxton’s

**Monday, January 9**

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee  
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:00 PM – Property Committee  
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee  
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

**Wednesday, January 11**

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

**Thursday, January 12**

Annual Meeting Reports due to church office

**Saturday, January 14**

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, January 15**

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, January 16**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, January 17**

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

**Wednesday, January 18**

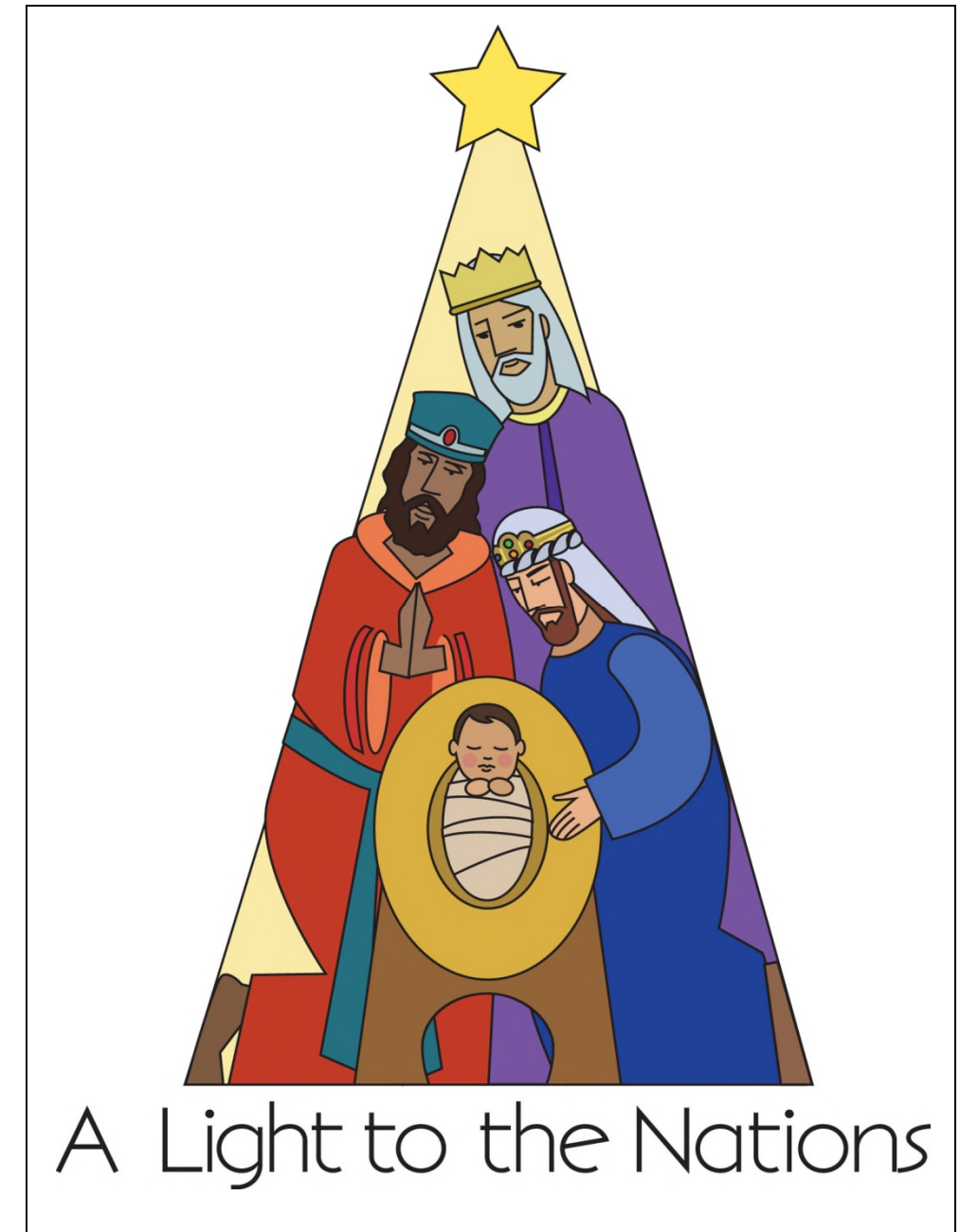
5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Thursday, January 19**

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



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**Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

January 8, 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 8	Monday, January 9	Tuesday, January 10	Wednesday, January 11	Thursday, January 12	Friday, January 13	Saturday, January 14
Morning: Psalms 104; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 1:1-12 Gospel: John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34 Evening: Psalm 29	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isa. 40:12-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 1:1-14 Gospel: Mark 1:1-13 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 1:15-23 Gospel: Mark 1:14-28 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 41:1-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10 Gospel: Mark 1:29-45 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 41:17-29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 2:11-22 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42:1(1-9) 10-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 3:1-13 Gospel: Mark 2:13-22 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah (42:18-25) 43:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph. 3:14-21 Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

January 8, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

God of Advent, you have made our waiting and hoping worthwhile. In our worship today, keep our hearts expectant, ready for your coming among us. God of Christmas, what joy we have celebrated and rejoiced in together through your birth. As we worship today, make our hearts glad with the joy of "God with us" that can never be taken from us. God of Epiphany, we greet you this day of hiding and making known, fill our hearts again with the wonder and the revelation of your glory when the Wiseman saw and we pray, this day, we may see in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Pianis Angelicus" C. Franck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

People: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,**

Leader: *making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel.*

ALL: O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things.

**\*HYMN 56** "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a

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part. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. Forgive our dim apprehension of love's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that lingers when all else fails, even the bright Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, the Savior. 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**

"Behold the Lamb"

Words and music by Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend, Arr. Lloyd Larson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jimmie Melton

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 63:7-9 (Bible, OT p. 693)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-12 (Bible, NT p. 2)

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

**SERMON**

"Following What Others Cannot or Dare Not See"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
& 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.

**THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory

"Chorale"

Johannes 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 68** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright" PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Menuet Gothique"

L. Boellmann

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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. After the Time with Younger Christians, children ages 3 to 8 years old, are invited to exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary to attend Children's Worship. Parents may meet their children after worship by waiting outside Room 112 in the basement.

**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>	<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> Jimmie Melton
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Doug Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	Linda VanPelt & Peggy Overcash
<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