

**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).]

**October 8**

**Joys:** Sara (Janice), Bill (Sterling), Children involved in worship (Sterling), Unity in the faith at Bethpage, Suds of Love

**Concerns:** Sally (Eric), Faye, Doug (Jenny), Joseph & Abbey and newborn twins (Becky), Family of Ken (Jean), Billie (Linda), Linda (Marty), Ken (Jean), Faye (Marcia), Linda (Marcia)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, October 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  
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Monday, October 16**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Wednesday, October 18**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm  
 6:30 PM – Choir

**Thursday, October 19**

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

**Friday, Oct 20 & Saturday, Oct 21**

Wedding Event at BPC Facilities

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, October 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  
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, October 24**

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

**Wednesday, October 25**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM – Choir

**Sunday, October 29**

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
 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  
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**October 15, 2017**

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



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**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, October 15	Monday, October 16	Tuesday, October 17	Wednesday, October 18	Thursday, October 19	Friday, October 20	Saturday, October 21
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 36:1-10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 14:8-18 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 36:11-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. (13:1-3) 13:4-13 Gospel: Matthew 10:5-15 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 36:27-37:2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 14:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 10:16-23 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 37:3-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 14:13-25 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 38:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a (33b-36) 37-40 Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 38:14-28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 11:1-6 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 52:1-34 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 15:12-29 Gospel: Matthew 11:7-15 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

*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!*

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** 1 Chronicles 16:31

As we come to worship this day we affirm that the heavens are glad this day. May our worship join with all of creation in praising our Creator. May we too affirm, with EVERY nation, 'The LORD Reigns!' Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Pastorale" Cesar Franck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** -adapted from John 4 – The Message

Minister: Listen to the words of Jesus: "A new day is coming — in fact, it's already here — when the importance will not be placed on what you're called or where you go to worship."

**Congregation:** The Gospel of John tells us that, "God is sheer being itself- Spirit. God is seeking followers whose worship is engaged in the pursuit of God's truth. Worship for them will be about the way they live, that is what will really count before the Lord."

ALL: Let us be those people. Let us worship God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit this day, every day with ALL of our being . . . with our truest selves, in joyful adoration!

**\*HYMN 220** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - Prayer by St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)

ALL: O Lord, who has shown mercy to all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore Thee, a heart to delight in Thee, a heart to follow and enjoy You forever, for Christ's sake. 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** "Dear Christians, Let Us Now Rejoice" J.S. Bach

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Marcia Graybeal

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**  
1 Chronicles 16:23-31 (Bible, OT p. 376)

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

**GOSPEL READING** John 4:21-26 (Bible, NT p. 95)

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

**EPISTLE READING** Revelation 4:1-11 (Bible, NT p. 247)

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

**SERMON** "Living Worship: 24/7/365/Eternity" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON (verses 2, 3, 4)

**\*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 "In Paradisum" Henri Mulet

\*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 344** "Christ of the Upward Way" SURSUM CORDA

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Praeludium in B Flat Major" J.S. Bach

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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> Diane Mullinax
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