

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

October 15

Joys: Fred's 90th birthday (Connie), Denisa's Baby – Cyris Joseph (Melissa)

Concerns: Fire Victims in CA - esp. my sister-in-law Trudy (Rev. Ellen)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Wednesday, November 1

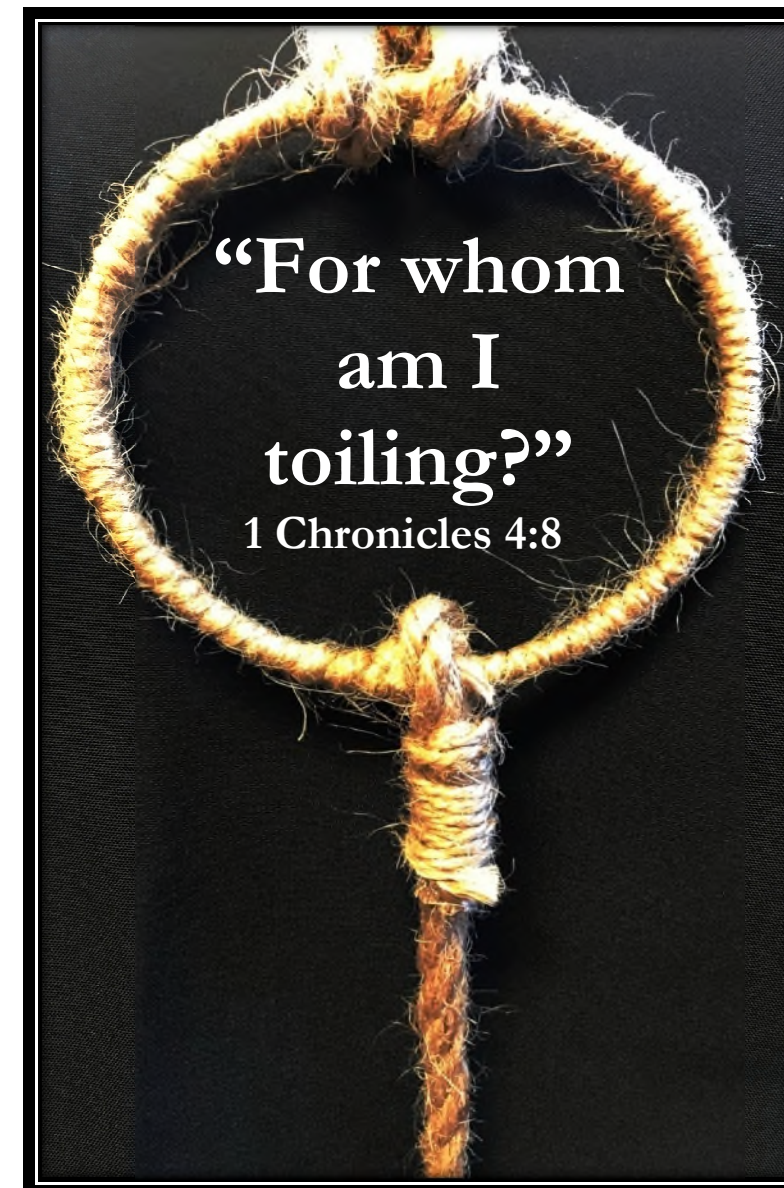
ALL SAINTS' DAY
 10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study - Session Rm
 6:00 PM – Children's Choir
 7:15 PM - Choir

Saturday, November 4

12:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall (all evening)

Sunday, November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends
 10¢-A-Meal Offering received
 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
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

October 22, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, October 22	Monday, October 23	Tuesday, October 24	Wednesday, October 25	Thursday, October 26	Friday, October 27	Saturday, October 28
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: Jer. 29:1, 4-14 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 39:11-40:6 2 nd Reading: Acts 16:6-15 Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: Jer. 44:1-14 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:30-41 Gospel: Mt. 11:16-24 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: Lam. 1:1-5(6-9)10-12 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 40:7-41:3 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:41-50 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Lam. 2:8-15 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 41:4-18 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:51-58 Gospel: Matthew 12:1-14 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Ezra 1:1-11 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 42:1-22 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 16:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 12:15-21 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: Ezra 3:1-13 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 43:1-13 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 16:10-24 Gospel: Matthew 12:22-32 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: Ezra 4:7, 11-24 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 44:1-14 2 nd Reading: Philemon 1-25 Gospel: Matthew 12:33-42 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

October 22, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, you spoke your Word and revealed your infinite generosity through Jesus our Lord. Fill this place, this bit of your creation, with such overwhelming evidence of the riches of your grace that we, who call ourselves children and heirs, will be so aware of your grace that in our worship, a desire might be kindled to share the riches of our inheritance with all the world. **Amen.**

PRELUDE "Choral Song" Samuel Sebastian Wesley

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Thom Shuman

Minister: Day by day, God leads us:

Congregation: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Minister: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

Congregation: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Minister: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

ALL: the community we could be, the family of faith we are called to become. Transformed and being transformed into Christ's family let us worship God.

***HYMN** (words on screen) "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your Spirit, yet we do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior and faith does not match our unique status as "Children of the Most High." Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of you plenty, goodness and favor surround us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of true repentance. **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 Kevin Hamilton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 (Bible, OT p. 616)

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

GOSPEL READING John 1:14-18 (Bible, NT p. 92)

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

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1b, 16-18 (Bible, NT p. 240)

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SERMON "The First Cord: God's Gift: Plenty" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 555** "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***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.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Richie Goodman

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Claire de lune" Claude Debussy
*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 428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" SCHUMANN

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Praeludium and Fugue in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

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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>	HEAD USHER Diane Mullinax
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS Gary Barham Jenny Linebarrier
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Kevin Hamilton
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 Al Smith
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kuser, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Sandra Cox Richie Goodman