

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 22

Joys: Michael (Rev. Ellen), Trent & Amber (Marcia)

Concerns: Family of Franky (Cheryl), Logan (Fred), Edward (Phyllis)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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
3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 6

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study – Session Rm
6:00 PM – Adult Small Groups
6:00 PM – Children's Choir
7:15 PM - Choir

Saturday, November 11

Veterans Day
9:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 12

STEWARDSHIP 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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

October 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, October 29	Monday, October 30	Tuesday, October 31	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday, November 2	Friday, November 3	Saturday, November 4
Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1 st Reading: Hag. 1:1-2:9 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 44:15-30 2 nd Reading: Acts 18:24-19:7 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 st Reading: Zech. 1:7-17 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Jeremiah 45:1-5 2 nd Reading: Rev. 1:4-20 Gospel: Mt. 12:43-50 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 st Reading: Ezra 5:1-17 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Lam. 1:1-5 (6-9) 10-12 2 nd Reading: Rev. 4:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Ezra 6:1-22 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Lamentations 2:8-15 2 nd Reading: Rev. 5:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Ps. 116; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-11 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Lamentations 2:16-22 2 nd Reading: Rev. 5:11-6:11 Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 st Reading: Neh. 2:1-20 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Lamentations 4:1-22 2 nd Reading: Rev. 6:12-7:4 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Reading: Neh. 4:1-23 Or alt. 1 st Reading: Lamentations 5:1-22 2 nd Reading: Revelation 7:(4-8) 7:9-17 Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

The Service for the Lord's Day
Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Today, we are gathering to worship you God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit; raising our voices in worship, just as all the faithful who have gone before us have. Especially, on this day we remember the Reformers who, 500th years ago, rededicated themselves to live justified by faith alone, expressed through God's grace alone, as found in Christ alone, know best to us through Scripture alone, and inspiring us, each day, to glorify God alone in all we say and do. May these five beliefs direct our worship still this day. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

--Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther; 2cherish2commend.com. March 9, 2017.

Minister: Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;

Congregation: Make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes.

Minister: Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.

Congregation: Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown.

***HYMN 260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

--Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times, I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; You are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. 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

"Blest are They"

David Haas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eric McKnight

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 4:12 ([Bible](#), OT p. 617)

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:36-40; 46-49 ([Bible](#), NT p. 64)

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

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 4:8-10 ([Bible](#), NT p. 235)

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

SERMON "The Second Cord: Generosities Response - ReGifting"

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.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Chris Ferguson

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "On Earth Has Danced This Day of Days"

J.S. Bach

*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 343** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Amazing Grace" (bagpipe) John Newton

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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> Doug Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Eric McKnight
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Joshua Sholly Cheryl Kuser
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kuser, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	No Children's Worship