

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

September 23

Joys: Ernest (Sterling)

Concerns: Sterling's sister, Lee (Jean), Family of young girl who passed away (Diane), 6 year old lost in Gastonia (Janice), NC flood victims, Sandy (Susan), Ezekial (Sherri), Cheryl (Betty), Ernest (Sterling), CC (Jean)

September 30

Joys: Hannah (Carla)

Concerns: Cristian (Christ Savior), Emma (Christ Savior), Lupita (Christ Savior), 2 police officers killed in Mississippi (Rev. Ellen), Victims of Indonesia earthquake and tsunami (Christel), Marcus & Lindsay & Family (Cheryl)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, October 7

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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, October 8

7:00 PM – Gathering Time
7:15 PM – Worship Committee
7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee

Tuesday, October 9

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:15 PM – Property Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

Wednesday, October 10

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – Choir

Thursday, October 11

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Saturday, October 13

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 14

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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, October 15

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 17

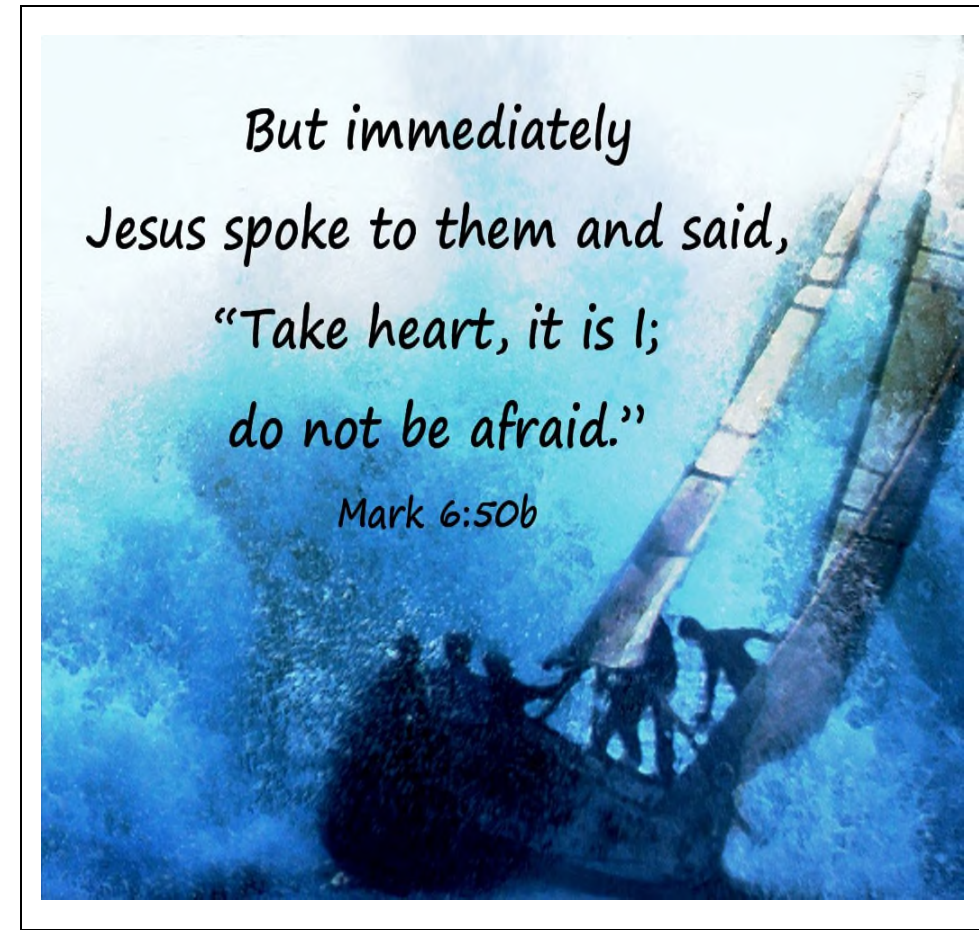
10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – Choir

Thursday, October 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, October 21

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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 7, 2018

“A family of faith in Jesus Christ, 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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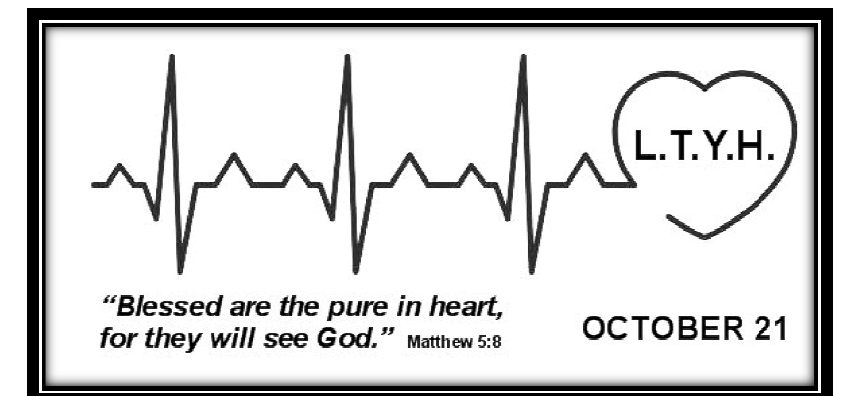
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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, October 7	Monday, October 8	Tuesday, October 9	Wednesday, October 10	Thursday, October 11	Friday, October 12	Saturday, October 13
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 st Read: Hosea 5:8-6:6 2 nd Read: 1 Cor. 2:6-16 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 st Read: Hosea 6:7-7:7 2 nd Read: Acts 22:30-23:11 Gospel: Luke 6:39-49 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 st Read: Hosea 7:8-16 2 nd Read: Acts 23:12-24 Gospel: Luke 7:1-17 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Hosea 8:1-14 2 nd Read: Acts 23:23-35 Gospel: Luke 7:18-35 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Hosea 9:1-9 2 nd Read: Acts 24:1-23 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 st Read: Hosea 9:10-17 2 nd Read: Acts 24:24-25:12 Gospel: Luke 8:1-15 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 st Read: Hosea 10:1-15 2 nd Read: Acts 25:13-27 Gospel: Luke 8:16-25 Evening: Psalms 138; 98



The Service for World Communion Sunday
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 7, 2018 9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Andante" George Frederic Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 341** (v 1) "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ASSURANCE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Together we come this day; the faithful who have walked in integrity

People: the faithful who have trusted in the Lord without wavering

Minister: In worshipping you this day, test our hearts, O Lord, try us.

ALL: May your steadfast love always guide us, that together, as your people, we may always walk and worship God.

***HYMN 2160** (v 1) "Into My Heart" INTO MY HEART
***HYMN 339** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 "This Do in Remembrance of Me" Judy Hunnicutt

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 26:1-3 (Bible, OT p. 503)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 6:50b-52 (Bible, NT p. 41)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Listen to Your Heart: Reading the Test Results" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #27
Minister: What do we understand about the providence of God?

People: The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, ruling in such a way that even leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful years and unfruitful ones, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and EVERYTHING else, come to us not by luck or chance but by his Fatherly hand.

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

(Please come forward to receive communion using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O amazing God, you have come into our ordinary lives and the ordinary lives of all of our brothers and sisters in this land and around the world on this World Communion Sunday. You have set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with a new tenderheartedness that will touch this ordinary, everyday world with the reality of your love, your holiness and your perfect salvation. Amen.

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Stewardship Moment Brandi Lackey
Offertory "Prelude on St. James's Air" Searle Wright
*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** (insert) "What Grace Is Mine" LONDONDERRY AIR
***HYMN 2160** (v 2) "Into My Heart" INTO MY HEART

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Fanfare" William Mathias

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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> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Diane Mullinax
CLASS OF 2019	USHERS: Ed Kusper Jenny Linebarrier
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2020	Connie Goodman
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2021	Judy Petrea Cheryl Kusper
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	No Children's Worship