

**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 1**

**Joys:** Linda & Diane (Nurture)

**Concerns:** Billie (Linda), Linda (Marty), Ken (Jean), Faye (Marcia), Linda (Marcia)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, October 8**

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 9**

7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

**Tuesday, October 10**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 PM – Property Committee  
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee  
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

**Wednesday, October 11**

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

**Saturday, October 14**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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**

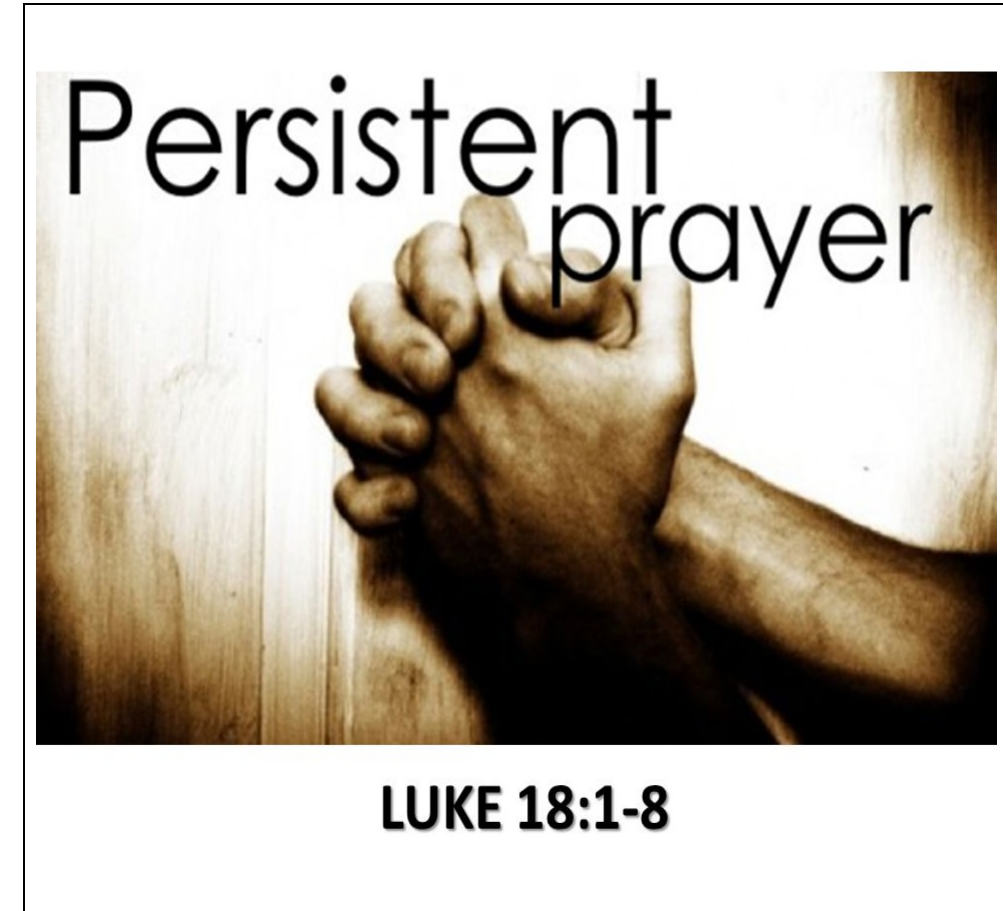
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

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

Wedding Event at BPC Facilities

**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



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**October 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!*



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**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, October 8	Monday, October 9	Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11	Thursday, October 12	Friday, October 13	Saturday, October 14
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 20:1-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 12:1-17 Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 21:1-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 22:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:2 (3-16) 17-22 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 22:14-23:3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 11:23-34 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-17 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 23:4-25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 12:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 23:36-24:17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-34 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 35:1-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3 Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:4 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

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

October 8, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Speak. Come, Lord Jesus. Come! Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Adagio for Strings" Samuel Barber

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: *Our Prayers are answered. We have come as a family of faith in Jesus Christ, to worship our Father in heaven, the one who created us, accepts us by grace and is always faithful.*

**Congregation: Our prayers are answered. God's Spirit has brought us to this place, allowing us to enter into his perfect presence.**

ALL: Our prayers have been answered, Jesus, God's only begotten has made a place for us in His pew. Belonging thus, may our hearts and voices be lifted in worship. Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 2236** "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Minister: *God of Grace, we bring to you our ingratitude for all that you have done for us.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: *We lay down our impatience, especially when prayers seem to be ignored.*

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy.**

Minister: *Please, take selfishness; especially when we are asked to give of our time or share our considerable resources with others.*

**Congregation: Lord, Have mercy.**

Minister: *Please, take our unfaithfulness too, for we often wandering from your way, like the lost and senseless sheep we so closely resemble.*

ALL: Lord, have mercy! We ask for your forgiveness, dear gracious, patient, selfless, and eternally faithful Savior and only Christ. You gave all. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may we learn to do likewise. 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** "Lead Me, Lord" Samuel Sebastian Wesley

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jean Brown

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 18:1-8 (Bible, NT p. 81)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Persistent Prayer – and another thing, Lord!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 2161** "To Know You More" TO KNOW YOU MORE

**\*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 "Vitrail" Henri Mulet

\*Doxology 592 **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 2146** "His Eye in on the Sparrow" SPARROW

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Fugue" 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> Margaret Griffin
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Gary Barham Jenny Linebarrier
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