

**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).]

**November 5**

**Joy & Concern:** Nicole and Tyler (Kirkman family)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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

**Monday, November 13**  
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

**Tuesday, November 14**  
 6:00 PM – Property Committee  
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee  
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

**Wednesday, November 15**  
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 6:00 PM – Children’s Choir  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Thursday, November 16**  
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
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**Friday, November 17**  
 12:00 – 7:00 PM – Senior High and LMCS Yard Sale at BPC

**Saturday, November 18**  
 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Senior High and LMCS Yard Sale at BPC

**Sunday, November 19**  
 Deadline for ordering Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands from Senior Highs  
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 19**  
 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, November 20**  
 4:00 – 8:00 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, November 21**  
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

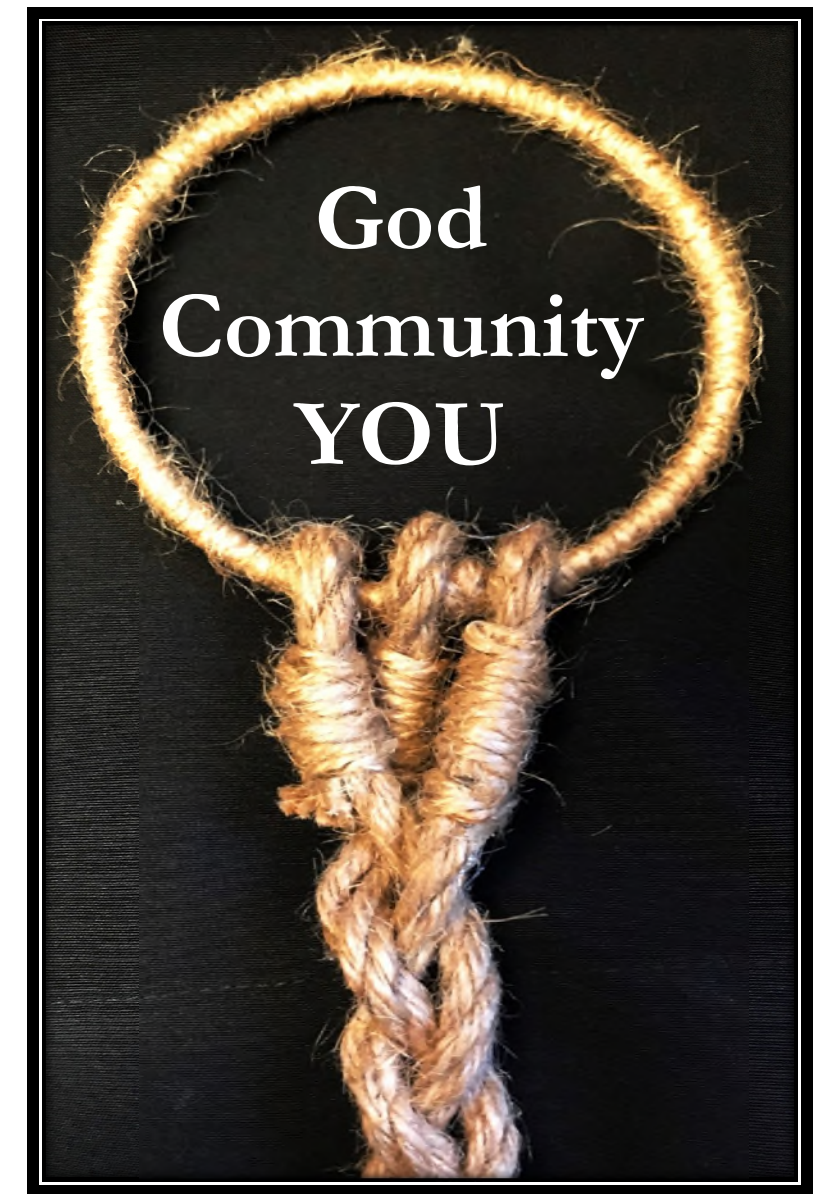
**Wednesday, November 22**  
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm

**Thursday, November 23**  
 Church office closed – Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 24**  
 Church office closed

**Saturday, November 25**  
 2:00 – 3:00 PM – Pick up Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands in the BPC Pavilion

**Sunday, November 26**  
 Christ the King Sunday  
 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 PM – Hanging of the Greens  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

November 12, 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, November 12	Monday, November 13	Tuesday, November 14	Wednesday, November 15	Thursday, November 16	Friday, November 17	Saturday, November 18
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 10:1-17 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 1:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 24:10-21 Gospel: Luke 14:12-24 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Nehemiah 9:1-15 (16-25) alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 2:1-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 18:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 15:1-20 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 9:26-38 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 4:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 18:9-20 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-18 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 5:1-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 18:21-24 Gospel: Matthew 15:29-39 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 6:1-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 19:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 16:1-12 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 19:11-16 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 13:4-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Revelation 20:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We give thee but Thine own. Lord, we come to worship and adore you this day. Cleanse our hearts and minds. Order our ways that in all things we might be partners in life and ministry. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Praludium in D Major" Dietrich Buxtehude

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Acts 14:27

*Minister:* When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

**People:** Lord, we too have come from many places . . . we too have stories of all that you have done in and through us.

*Minister:* Open the doors of our faith anew.

**People:** Renew and revive us this day.

**ALL:** May we truly worship God.

**\*HYMN 366** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Adapted from a prayer by Joanna Harada

*Minister:* Holy Father, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace; to serve you as Jesus did in loving obedience,

**People:** as he called us to serve others in love and humility that the world you created might know again your wisdom and energy.

*Minister:* Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

**People:** Change our hearts, which run toward selfishness and sin, return them to the love that gave his only Son, spare us from the spiritual wasteland that is our only hope outside of you.

*Minister:* Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts have failed.

**People:** But your abundant grace, upon grace upon grace, your generous love; so strong and eternal, especially when we least deserve it least, astonishes us.

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**All:** Forgive our many sins. Allow us to live freely by faith alone; as those who know that forgiveness is ours only through Jesus Christ. 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** "The Earth is the Lord's" Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Richie Goodman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ecclesiastes 4:12b ([Bible](#), OT p. 617)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:14-30 ([Bible](#), NT p. 28)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 ([Bible](#), NT p. 183)  
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**SERMON** "The Third Cord: I want to be like Jesus" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert) "What Grace Is Mine" Kristyn Getty

**\*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**

Ed Kusper

**\*HYMN 375** "Lord of All Good" TOULON

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
and OUR GIVING FOR 2018**

Offertory "Andante Sostenuto Movement from Symphonie Gothique" Charles Marie Widor  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\*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/Benediction

**THE SENDING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go Forth Into the World in Peace" John Rutter

**\*POSTLUDE** "Fuga in D 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.

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> Linda VanPelt <b>USHERS</b> Curtis Gibson Paula Myers
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Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
	Richie Goodman
CLASS OF 2019	
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	Dougie Kirkman Leigh Ann Allen
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	Carrie Paxton Heather Goodman