

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

November 11

Concerns: Family of Sissy Harker (Cheryl)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, November 18

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, November 19

3:30 – 7:30 PM – BLOOD DRIVE in BPC Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 20

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 21

6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 7:00 PM – Choir

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!
 Church office closed

Friday, November 23

Church office closed

Saturday, November 24

3:00 PM – LMCS Service in BPC Sanctuary
 4:30 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 25

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
 Deadline for ordering Christmas wreaths and garlands
 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 PM – Hanging of the Greens
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

Wednesday, November 28

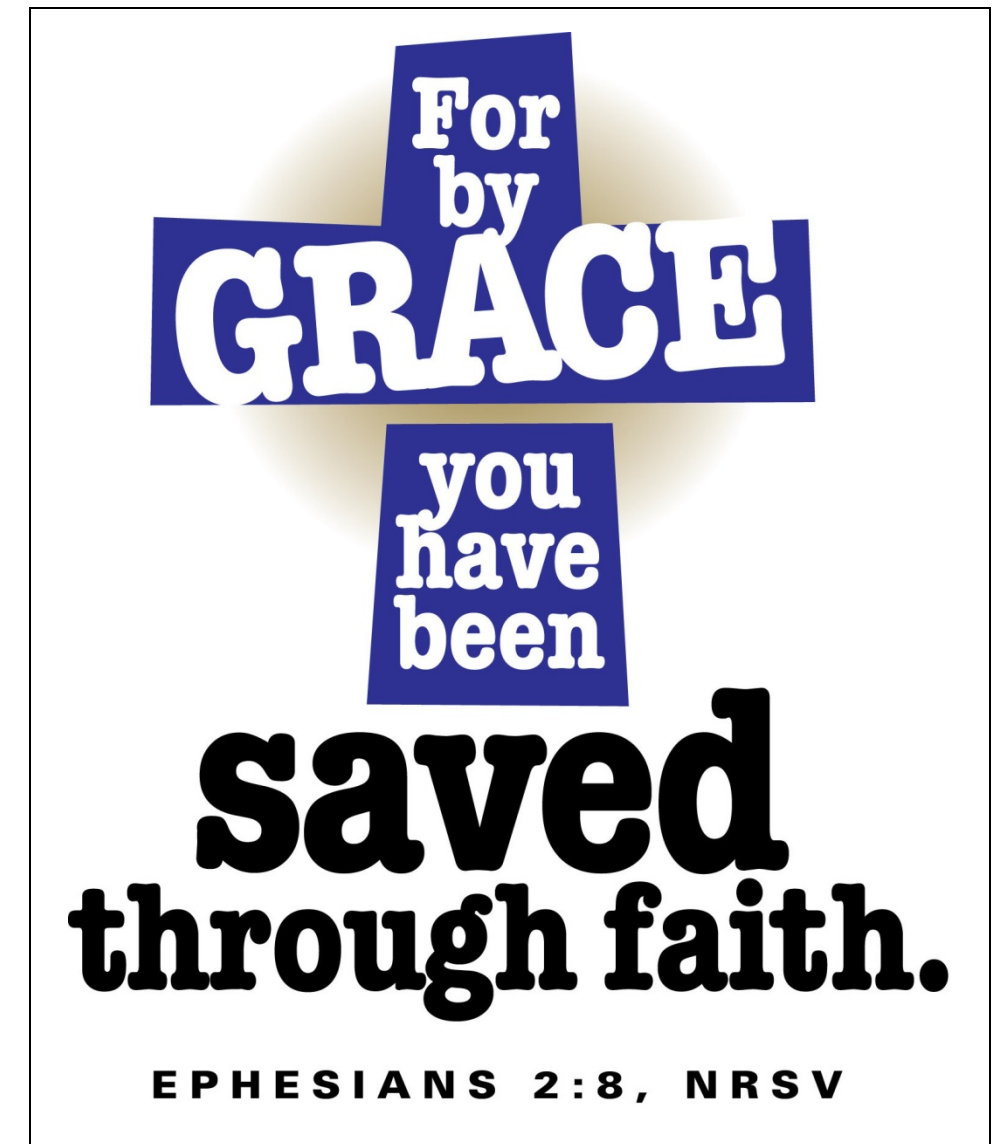
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM – Youth Choir
 7:00 PM – Choir

Saturday, December 1

1:00 – 2:00 PM – Pick up Christmas wreaths and garlands in the BPC Pavilion

Sunday, December 2

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 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
 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!
 November 18, 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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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, November 18	Monday, November 19	Tuesday, November 20	Wednesday, November 21	Thursday, November 22	Friday, November 23	Saturday, November 24
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: Hab. 1:1-4 (5-11) 12-2:1 2 nd Reading: Phil. 3:13-4:1 Gospel: Mt. 23:13-24 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20 2 nd Reading: James 2:14-26 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18 2 nd Reading: James 3:1-12 Gospel: Luke 17:1-10 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Malachi 1:1, 6-14 2 nd Reading: James 3:13-4:12 Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Malachi 2:1-16 2 nd Reading: James 4:13-5:6 Gospel: Luke 17:20-37 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: Malachi 3:1-12 2 nd Reading: James 5:7-12 Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: Malachi 3:13-4:6 2 nd Reading: James 5:13-20 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

November 18, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Thanksgiving Suite" Dr. Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 433** (v.1) "Now Thank We All Our God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adaptation of Proverbs 3:5-6

Minister: Faith is the work of trusting the Lord with all your heart

People: Faith is the practice of leaning not on our own understanding

Minister: Faith is grace's salvation lived out in our lives

People: It is a wondrous gift from God and not of our making

ALL: As we worship today through song, reading, speaking and hearing, we acknowledge you Lord and seek to glorify you!

***HYMN 368** "Speak O Lord"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the Church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles of faith that prevent us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** 1 John 1:9

***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 "Simple Praise" Craig Courtney and Pamela Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 3:5-6 (Bible, NT p. 586)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *(read responsively)*
Ephesians 2:1-9 (Hymns of Grace, #46)

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

SERMON "Only By Faith" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 354** "The Church's One Foundation"

***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 "Sicilienne" Maria Theresia von Paradis

*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 407** "It Is Well with My Soul"

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Now Thank We All Our God" 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
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