

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 28

Joys: baby girl Graybeal (Marcia)

Concerns: Congregation of Tree of Life – Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, PA (Rev. Ellen), 2 killed in Louisville, KY (Rev. Ellen), Desecration to the name of Jesus Christ (Rev. Ellen), Voices – hatred/judgment/lack of grace (Rev. Ellen)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends

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

Monday, November 5

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 8

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Saturday, November 10

8:00 AM – Fall Clean-up Day at BPC
9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 11

VETERANS DAY
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall

9:00 AM – Service with



LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 11 (continued)

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 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:30 PM – Property Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

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

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

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Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
November 4, 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!

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, November 4	Monday, November 5	Tuesday, November 6	Wednesday, November 7	Thursday, November 8	Friday, November 9	Saturday, November 10
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 103; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Zephaniah 1:1-6 <i>2nd Read:</i> 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13 <i>Gospel:</i> Mt. 18:21-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 117; 139	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 5; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Zeph. 1:7-13 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 14:1-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 12:49-59 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 82; 29	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 42; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Zeph. 1:14-18 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 14:14-15:8 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 13:1-9 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 102; 133	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Zephaniah 2:1-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Revelation 16:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 13:10-17 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 1; 33	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 97; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Zephaniah 3:1-7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 16:12-21 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 13:18-30 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 16; 62	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 51; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Zeph. 3:8-13 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rev. 17:1-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 13:31-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 142; 65	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 104; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Zephaniah 3:14-20 <i>2nd Read:</i> Revelation 18:1-14 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 14:1-11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 138; 98

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

November 4, 2018 9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN to JOY Setting by Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 469** (v 1) "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever.

People: Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***HYMN 306** "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** 1 John 1:8

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unending, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from people in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ as we pray in his name and by the power of his love shown for us this day. AMEN.

***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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marcia Graybeal

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 4:7-12 ([Bible](#), NT p. 241)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 12:28-34 ([Bible](#), NT p. 49)
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SERMON "What's Important?" Rev. Ken Meeks

***HYMN 313** "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit, gives us courage, to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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 and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory "Andante tranquillo movement" from Sonata III Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy OLD HUNDREDETH

*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 85** "What Wondrous Love is This" WONDROUS LOVE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Aria" Paul Manz

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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> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Margaret Griffin
CLASS OF 2019	USHERS: Chris Ferguson Christel Josey
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2020	Marcia Graybeal
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 Linda VanPelt
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Christel Josey Richie Goodman