

**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 29**

**Joys:** KAPM (Jimmie)

**Concerns:** Calvin (Janice), Debbie (Connie), Pat (Diane)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, November 5**

Daylight Saving Time ends  
10¢-A-Meal Offering received  
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 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion  
5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

**Monday, November 6**

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

**Tuesday, November 7**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee  
6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

**Wednesday, November 8**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study – Session Rm  
6:00 PM – Adult Small Groups  
6:00 PM – Children’s Choir  
7:15 PM - Choir

**Saturday, November 11**

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

**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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 12**

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 – Adult Small Groups  
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**

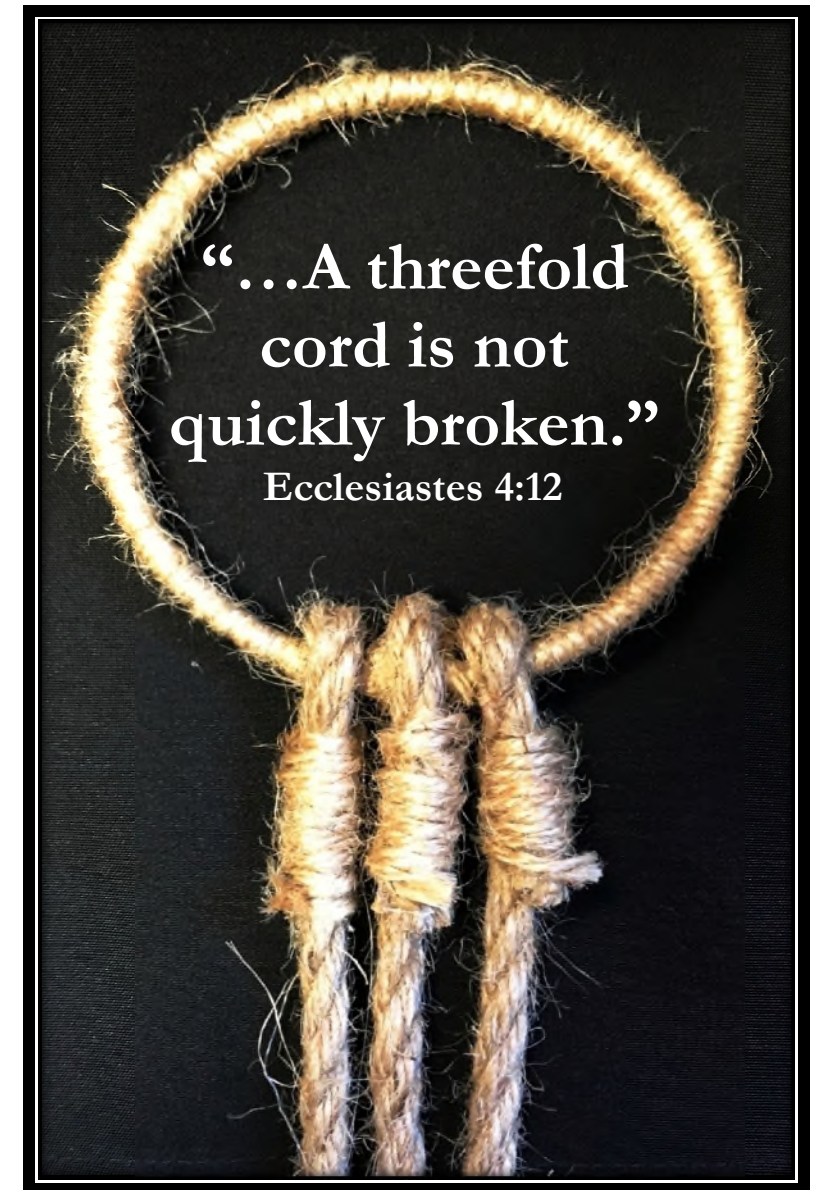
12:00 – 7:00 PM – Senior High and LMCS Yard Sale at BPC

**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  
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 5, 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 5	Monday, November 6	Tuesday, November 7	Wednesday, November 8	Thursday, November 9	Friday, November 10	Saturday, November 11
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 5:1-9 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 1:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 20:7-12 Gospel: Luke 12:22-31 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 6:1-19 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 3:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 10:1-11 Gospel: Matt. 13:36-43 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Neh. 12:27-31a, 42b-47 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 4:7, 11-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 11:1-19 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Nehemiah 13:4-22 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Haggai 1:1-2:9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Revelation 12:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 13:53-58 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 7:(1-10) 11-26 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Zech. 1:7-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Revelation 14:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 5:1-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rev. 15:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 9:1-15 alt. 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Ezra 6:1-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Revelation 17:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

November 5, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*"Take Thou our Minds, Dear Lord"*  
(verse 1: Richie Goodman, verse 2: Hannah Jackson,  
verse 3: choir, verse 4: congregation)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: *Where can we go from your Spirit Lord?*

**Congregation: Can we flee your presence?**

Minister: *No! In Heaven or in the depths you are there.*

**Congregation: Such knowledge is truly too wonderful for us all.**

ALL: Knowing God's love this way, what else can we do but stand in awe, in wonder, and together worship God.

**\*HYMN 467** *"How Great Thou Art"* O STORE GUD

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Adapted from Psalm 139

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. How precious you are to me. How precious are your thoughts, O God. Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. I awoke this morning knowing that, "I am still with you." Search me, O Loving God, Undeserved Savior, Constant Guide and friend, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. *(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** *"All Good Gifts"* David Schwoebel

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Dennis Graybeal

**SALTER READING** Psalm 139:1-4, 13-24 (Bible, OT p. 577)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 (Bible, OT p. 616)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 16:15 (Bible, NT p. 79)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *"The Third Cord: What's Love Got to Do With It?"*  
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #1  
Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I belong - body and soul, in life and death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has also assured me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

Jimmie Melton

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

Offertory *"The Lord's Prayer"* Albert Hay Malotte  
\*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 391** *"Take My Life"* HENDON

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

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

**\*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.

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>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Curtis Gibson Paula Myers
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/ Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b> Dennis Graybeal
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Leslie Gibson Peggy Overcash
<b>CLASS OF 2020</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	No Children's Worship