

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Roger Hamilton
CLASS OF 2019	USHERS: Kevin Hamilton Aubrey Tarlton
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2020	Brandi Lackey
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2021	Marty Paxton Dougie Kirkman
Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	No Children's Worship

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, December 30
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:55 AM – Fifth Sunday Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall
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

Tuesday, January 1
Church office closed – Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 2
10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – Choir

Sunday, January 6
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, January 7
6:30 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, January 8
Annual Reports Due to Church Office
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:00 PM – Property Committee
6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group Meeting in Session Room

Wednesday, January 9
10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
6:30 PM – Youth Choir
7:00 PM – Choir

Wed., Jan. 9 – Wed., Jan. 23
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

Thursday, January 10
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

Saturday, January 12
9:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall
1:00 – 3:00 PM – Chili Cook-Off sponsored by Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 13
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!
December 30, 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, December 30	Monday, December 31	Tuesday, January 1	Wednesday, January 2	Thursday, January 3	Friday, January 4	Saturday, January 5
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 93; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Isa. 62:6-7, 10-12 <i>2nd Read:</i> Heb. 2:10-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 1:18-25 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 89:1-18; 89:19-52	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 98; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Isaiah 26:1-6 <i>2nd Read:</i> 2 Cor. 5:16-6:2 <i>Gospel:</i> John 8:12-19 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 45; 96	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 98; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16 <i>2nd Read:</i> Colossians 2:6-12 <i>Gospel:</i> John 16:23b-30 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 99; 8	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 48; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Genesis 12:1-7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Hebrews 11:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> John 6:35-42, 48-51 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 9; 29	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 111; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Genesis 28:10-22 <i>2nd Read:</i> Hebrews 11:13-22 <i>Gospel:</i> John 10:7-17 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 107; 15	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 20; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Exodus 3:1-5 <i>2nd Read:</i> Heb. 11:23-31 <i>Gospel:</i> John 14:6-14 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 93; 97	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 99; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 1:1-9 <i>2nd Read:</i> Heb. 11:32-12:2 <i>Gospel:</i> John 15:1-16 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 96; 110

The Service for the Lord's Day
The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Toccata on 'Antioch'" Arr. by John G. Barr

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 224** (v. 1) "Joy to the World"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: God is here! The Messiah has come! We open our eyes to see him and lift our hearts to worship him.

People: We have come to exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King, and to bring glory to God the Father.

Minister: In our worship we demonstrate the mind of Christ in declaring to God that he is the supreme authority in our lives.

People: We bow before him in submission to our Lord and King.

ALL: Come, worship the Lord!

***HYMN 231** "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

A baby has been born- grace incarnate- and though we do not understand, we know that before this one we must kneel in humility. Can we do this? Can we bent a knee, our heads, our hearts, our wills and our lives . . . and admit and ask, "Please, forgive?" *(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 "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" Carolyn Jennings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Brandi Lackey

OLD TESTAMENT READING
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 ([Bible](#), OT p. 246)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 ([Bible](#), NT p. 201)

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SERMON "What Child Is This?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 230** "What Child Is This?"

***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 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" John Edmund Sears
*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 238** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Angels We Have Heard On High" James Chadwick

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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