

**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).]

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, December 9**  
 ADVENT II  
 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

**Monday, December 10**  
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
 7:15 PM – Mission/Evangelism Committee  
 7:15 PM – Worship Committee

**Tuesday, December 11**  
 10:00 AM – Nurture Committee  
 6:00 PM – Property Committee  
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee  
 7:00 PM – Communications Committee

**Wednesday, December 12**  
 Deadline for ordering Poinsettias  
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM – Youth Choir  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**Thursday, December 13**  
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

**Saturday, December 15**  
 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Pancakes with Santa & Photo in BPC Fellowship Hall for Operation Walk Carolinas Mission Trip

**Sunday, December 16**  
 ADVENT III  
 Angel Tree gifts wrapped and labeled due back to church  
 Deadline for ordering Lights of Love

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, December 16 (continued)**  
 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, December 17**  
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting at the Manse

**Tuesday, December 18**  
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, December 19**  
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm  
 6:30 PM – Youth Choir  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**Thursday, December 20**  
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

**Friday, December 21**  
 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM – KAPM’s Annual Boston Butt BBQ at BPC Pavilion

**Sunday, December 23**  
 ADVENT IV  
 Christmas Joy Offering to be received  
 8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM – Sunday School  
 9:55 AM – Combined Worship Service with Latin Mission Christ Savior in BPC Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Covered Dish Lunch and Children’s Christmas Program in BPC Fellowship Hall



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!  
 December 9, 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 9	Monday, December 10	Tuesday, December 11	Wednesday, December 12	Thursday, December 13	Friday, December 14	Saturday, December 15
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 24; 150 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 5:1-7 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 2 Peter 3:11-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 7:28-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 25; 110	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 122; 145 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 5:8-17 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 1 Thess. 5:1-11 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 21:20-28 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 40; 67	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 33; 146 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 5:18-25 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 1 Thess. 5:12-28 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 21:29-38 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 85; 94	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 50; 147:1-11 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 6:1-13 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 2 Thess. 1:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> John 7:53-8:11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 53; 17	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 7:1-9 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 2 Thess. 2:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 22:1-13 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 126; 62	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 102; 148 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 7:10-25 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 2 Thess. 2:13-3:5 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 22:14-30 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 130; 16	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 90; 149 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Isaiah 8:1-15 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> 2 Thess. 3:6-18 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 22:31-38 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 72

The Service for the Lord's Day  
The Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted" *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*Overcash, Kincaid & Scarborough Families*

**SONG OF ADVENT PREPARATION**

**\*HYMN 2090** (v. 2) "Advent Song" ADVENT CANDLE SONG

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Minister: A voice of one calls in the wilderness,*

**People: Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.**

ALL: Entering into Advent reminds us that God does not stay put, but calls all exiles, then and now, to present ourselves, to worship the one who has come to lead our crooked paths – straight back home to the Father.

**\*HYMN 215** "Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Leader: When our days are punctuated by angry words of hatred and ingratitude,*

**People: Forgive us and grant us peace.**

*Leader: When the pained cries of the oppressed grow louder around us because we have not shown compassion or love,*

**People: Forgive us and grant us peace.**

*Leader: When war's cacophony silences the sweet voices of children.*

**People: Forgive us and grant us peace.**

*Leader: When we heed the call of commerce and ignore the cries from the manger,*

**People: Forgive us and grant us peace.**

*Leader: When the sinful noise of this world aggrieves you, Holy one, Hear again the call from the cross, "Forgive them; for they know not what they do," and, in mercy,*

ALL: Forgive us and grant us peace. *(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 Peace of God"

John Rutter

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Heather Kirkman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Malachi 3:1-4 ([Bible](#), OT p. 889)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 3:1-6 ([Bible](#), NT p. 60)

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

**SERMON**

"Message for you — Peace"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*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.

**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**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory *from "Largo" from the Opera Xerxes*

G.F. Handel

\*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** (insert)

"Prepare the Way"

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*from "The First Nowell"*

traditional 16<sup>th</sup> century English Carol

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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> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Roger Hamilton
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>USHERS:</b> Kevin Hamilton Aubrey Tarlton
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>  Heather Kirkman
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