

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

February 5

Joys: Mark and Jennifer (Rev. Ellen), Sterling's Birthday (The Choir), Larry (Rev. Ellen)

Concerns: Faye (Marcia), Cheryl (Christel), Kermit and Tina (Jenny), Ms. Betty, Ms. Faye, Janice (Nurture), Ben (Marty), Betty (Christel), Christine (Sherry), Barbara & Michael (Sherry), Cole (Marty), Ruth (Janice), William and Michael (Ed & Cheryl)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, February 12

CVAN Paper Goods Drive
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

Monday, February 13

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee
6:00 PM – Property Committee
7:00 PM – Gathering Time
7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, February 14

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, February 15

5:45 PM – Supper
6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, February 16

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 19

CVAN Paper Goods Drive
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

Monday, February 20

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

5:45 PM – Supper
6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, February 26

Transfiguration of the Lord
CVAN Paper Goods Drive
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

GRACE

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become NEW!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

⁶As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

February 12, 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, February 12	Monday, February 13	Tuesday, February 14	Wednesday, February 15	Thursday, February 16	Friday, February 17	Saturday, February 18
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 st Reading: Isa. 62:6-12 2 nd Reading: 1 John 2:3-11 Gospel: John 8:12-19 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 st Reading: Isaiah 63:1-6 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-17 Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 st Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:18-2:8 (9-15) Gospel: Mark 11:12-26 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Isaiah 63:15-64:9 2 nd Reading: 1 Tim. 3:1-16 Gospel: Mark 11:27-12:12 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Isaiah 65:1-12 2 nd Reading: 1 Tim. 4:1-16 Gospel: Mark 12:13-27 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 st Reading: Isa. 65:17-25 2 nd Reading: 1 Tim. 5:(1-16) 17-22 (23-25) Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Reading: Isaiah 66:1-6 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:(1-5) 6-21 Gospel: Mark 12:35-44 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great and good Father, By your Spirit, give us pure hearts that we may see you, humble hearts that we may hear you, hearts of love that we may serve you, hearts of faith that we may live for you, hearts bent on reconciliation that we might be united in you, reverent hearts that we might worship you this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Arioso" J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: We will Sing to the LORD a new song;

People: We will sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Minister: Praise his Name!

People: Proclaim his salvation!

ALL: As we worship this day, let us declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among the people!

***HYMN 446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek and save the lost, who invites the weary and the overburdened to rest, and who heals the hurting: we confess that we have lost our way. Forgive our wayward and willful disobedience. Lead us back to you. Forgive us for every thought, word and deed that has brought hurt to others, harmed ourselves, or dishonored your name. Heal the pain through Christ's reconciling work in us. Grace us with your Holy Spirit and lead us once again, as your ambassadors in the way that leads to life. Amen. *(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 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"
Text by Charles Wesley, Music by Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 13:17 ([Bible](#), OT p. 596)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:20 ([Bible](#), NT p. 181)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Diplomatic Relations!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 429** (v. 1-3) "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH

***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 "Grazioso" George Philipp Telemann
*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 435** "We All Are One in Mission"
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***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata" Dietrich Buxtehude

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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> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Dennis Graybeal
CLASS OF 2017	USHERS Ed Kuser Sandra Cox
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2018	Connie Goodman
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2019	On Call: Judy Petrea, Leigh Ann Allen, Sherry Childers, Jacob Smith, Dougie Kirkman
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Cheryl Kuser Heather Kirkman