

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 11

Concerns: Rumple family (Ellen), Martha (Ellen), Linda (Fred), Jean (Fred), Tom (Margaret), Margaret (Ellen), Keith (Ed), Dalton (Linda), Sarah (Nurture), Steve (Ellen)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, February 18

LENT I
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

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm
5:45 PM – Small Group Pot Luck Dinner
6:00 PM – Youth Choir
7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, February 22

5:00 – 9:30 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 25

LENT II
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 26

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

Friday, March 2

6:00 – 10:00 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 4

LENT III
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
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
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

February 18, 2018

“A family of faith yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”



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DAILY LECTIONARY

| Sunday, February 18 | Monday, February 19 | Tuesday, February 20 | Wednesday, February 21 | Thursday, February 22 | Friday, February 23 | Saturday, February 24 |
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| Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Daniel 9:3-10 2 nd Reading: Heb. 2:10-18 Gospel: John 12:44-50 Evening: Psalms 42; 32 | Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 37:1-11 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Gospel: Mark 1:1-13 Evening: Psalms 121; 6 | Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Gen. 37:12-24 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-28 Evening: Psalms 25; 91 | Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 37:25-36 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Gospel: Mark 1:29-45 Evening: Psalms 27; 51 | Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Genesis 39:1-23 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 126; 102 | Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Gen. 40:1-23 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Gospel: Mark 2:13-22 Evening: Psalms 105; 130 | Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Genesis 41:1-13 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6 Evening: Psalms 31; 143 |

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!

The Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Sonata III" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 356** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

***HYMN** (see screen) "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" ADELAIDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Ezekiel 11:19-20

Minister: God has promised to, "give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them."

People: God said, "I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes . . . be my people, and I will be their God."

ALL: Born from God's promises, accepting them as truth, let us truly worship God!

***HYMN 314** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" BRIDEGROOM

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal and mercifully calling Lord, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and your call has set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in Christ's assurance that we are called from above, we praise you and give you thanks that you not only forgive us, but that you have chosen us to be your sons and daughters. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kim & Leslie Gibson

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 11:19-20 ([Bible](#), OT p. 777)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 3:1-10 ([Bible](#), NT p. 93)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Are you a born again Christian?" Roger Hamilton

***HYMN 359** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" MORE LOVE TO THEE

***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.

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 "O, Sacred Heart, Now Wounded"

J. S. Bach

*Doxology 592

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 339**

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

***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 |
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| Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i> | HEAD USHER Dennis Graybeal |
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