

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 18

Concerns: Rev. Ellen (Nurture)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, March 5
 6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, March 6
 10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, March 7
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm
 6:00 PM – Adult Small Group
 6:00 PM – Youth Choir
 7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, March 10
 9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 11
 LENT IV
 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



“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

February 25, 2018

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, February 25	Monday, February 26	Tuesday, February 27	Wednesday, February 28	Thursday, March 1	Friday, March 2	Saturday, March 3
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 41:14-45 2 nd Reading: Rom. 6:3-14 Gospel: John 5:19-24 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 41:46-57 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:8-20 (21) Gospel: Mark 3:7-19a Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Gen. 42:1-17 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Gospel: Mark 3:19b-35 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 42:18-28 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Genesis 42:29-38 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel: Mark 4:21-34 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Gen. 43:1-15 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Gen. 43:16-34 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 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
Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Pavane" Gabriel Faure

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

***HYMN 210** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Today we come to worship, asking for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is.

People: That we might worship him in truth. As people of God, may we behold and see our Savior!

ALL: Open our eyes to see God's glory. Open our ears to hear The Father's wisdom. Open our hands to offer our Savior the gifts of faith in every place in our lives. Open our mouths and hearts by the Spirit to sing God's praise. Let us worship God!

***HYMN 521** (vv.1, 2, 4) "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" FINEST WHEAT

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We confess that we are an impatient and selfish people. When you offer us the promise of a new future, we complain that you don't get us there fast enough. When you provide for our needs, we complain that it isn't enough. And when our bad attitudes and negative outlooks cause us to stumble, we blame you. Holy God, forgive our sinful ways. Teach us to be patient. Instruct us to be grateful. Guide us to be responsible and humble. As we turn ourselves around and look to the cross, let us experience your grace and your gift of new life. In the name of Christ our Savior, 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

ANTHEM "A Heart to Serve" Valerie Showers Crescenz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Diane Mullinax

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Job 19:25-27 ([Bible](#), OT p. 468)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 6:35, 41-51 ([Bible](#), NT p. 98)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Truly . . . Very Truly: Eternal Promises" Rev Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 2196** "We Walk by Faith" MARTYRDOM

***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

Offertory "Evening Prayer" Humperdinck

*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 423** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" written in 1524, setting by David N. Johnson

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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
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