

**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).]

**February 19**

**Joys:** Hannah, Ms. Betty, Ms. Faye, Jimmie & Frank, Aubrey, Darrell, Sterling's husband (Nurture), Moms served through Suds of Love (Christel), Lori (Christel)

**Concerns:** Henry (Kim), Britt (Cameron)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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

**Monday, February 27**  
 4:00 – 8:00 PM – CBCCC Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, February 28**  
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 1**  
 ASH WEDNESDAY  
 10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study - Session Rm  
 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service with Communion in the BPC Sanctuary

**Friday, March 3**  
 7:00 PM – World Day of Prayer Service – Front Porch of Church

**Sunday, March 5 (continued →)**  
 LENT I  
 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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, March 5**  
 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 6**  
 2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

**Tuesday, March 7**  
 6:30 – Women's Bible Study Group - Session Room

**Wednesday, March 8**  
 10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study - Session Rm  
 5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program  
 7:15 PM - Choir

**Friday, March 10**  
 5:00 – 10:00 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 11**  
 9:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 12**  
 LENT II  
 Daylight Saving Time begins  
 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 – 7:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion

**GRACE**

**2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2**

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And 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.

<sup>16</sup>From 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.

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

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

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

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

**<sup>6</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For 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!**

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**Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

February 26, 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!*

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, February 26	Monday, February 27	Tuesday, February 28	Wednesday, March 1	Thursday, March 2	Friday, March 3	Saturday, March 4
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 3:1-9 Gospel: John 12:27-36a Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 6:1-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb.1:1-14 Gospel: John 1:1-18 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 6:16-25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 2:1-10 Gospel: John 1:19-28 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3:1-4:11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 12:1-14 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 7:6-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 1:1-16 Gospel: John 1:29-34 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 7:12-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2:1-15 Gospel: John 1:35-42 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 7:17-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 3:1-15 Gospel: John 1:43-51 Evening: Psalms 31; 143

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

February 26, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Based on

As we come to worship this day, scripture and experience combine to show the time is now! God has heard our cries and sent Christ to free us from our sin. Salvation is here! As we worship this day, Lord, help us to lay hold of this truth. Help us to praise and glorify you in our worship, giving thanks for your un-surpassing grace. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Prelude on Brother James's Air" Searle Wright

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 9

*Minister:* Those who know your name put their trust in you, O Lord.

**People:** For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*Minister:* Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

**People:** We will declare your wonderful deeds among the people.

ALL: Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 485** "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Minister:* As you disciples, do we put obstacle in anyone's way?

**People:** Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation! Forgive us Lord, when we get in the way of anyone's faith.

*Minister:* Do we choose our own ways, causing disunity in the Church/world?

**People:** Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation! Forgive us when the disunity inside our doors looks exactly like the disunity outside our doors. May the grace and unity of Christ not be given to us in vain.

*Minister:* You listened to our cries for help, dear Lord.

**People:** Now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation! Forgive us when we do not listen to you, do not follow you alone. Forgive us and bring us back to you.

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*Minister:* You have helped us, dear Savior!

**People:** Now is the acceptable time,

ALL: Clear our sight dear Lord, forgive our blindness that we might live as your children! For indeed, the day of our salvation has come in Jesus Christ! AMEN.

**\*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** "It is Well with My Soul" John Ness Beck

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Diane Mullinax

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Habakkuk 2:1-4 (Bible, OT p. 872)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (Bible, NT p. 181)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Message received! Salvation Come!" 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**

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and we remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ as his body here on earth. As we share in his suffering, we proclaim, "Christ will come again!", And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King.

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

Offertory "Prelude #5" Louis Verne

\*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 2223** "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love" ST. BRENDAN'S

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** St. Anne Gague "O God, Our Help" J.S. Bach

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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> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Dennis Graybeal
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Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	No Children's Worship