

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

January 29

Joys: Fred (Christel), Goodman Family (Richie), Donshel (Marty), Jacob (Susan & Al)

Concerns: 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 5

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 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 6

11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 11

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 12

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

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
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GRACE

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 6:2

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

16 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.

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

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 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.

20 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.

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

6¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 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 5, 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 5	Monday, February 6	Tuesday, February 7	Wednesday, February 8	Thursday, February 9	Friday, February 10	Saturday, February 11
Morning: Psalms 103; 150	Morning: Psalms 5; 145	Morning: Psalms 42; 146	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20	Morning: Psalms 51; 148	Morning: Psalms 104; 149
1 st Reading: Isa. 57:1-13	1 st Reading: Isa. 57:14-21	1 st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12	1 st Reading: Isaiah 59:1-21	1 st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-22	1 st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-9	1 st Reading: Isa. 61:10 - 62:5
2 nd Reading: Heb. 12:1-6	2 nd Reading: Gal. 6:11-18	2 nd Reading: 2 Tim. 1:1-14	2 nd Reading: 2 Tim. 1:15-2:13	2 nd Reading: 2 Tim. 2:14-26	2 nd Reading: 2 Tim. 3:1-17	2 nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Gospel: John 7:37-46	Gospel: Mark 9:30-41	Gospel: Mark 9:42-50	Gospel: Mark 10:1-16	Gospel: Mark 10:17-31	Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Evening: Psalms 138; 98

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

February 5, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy, holy, holy God, we worship and adore you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today in our worship we long for a glimpse of your glory, seen perfectly in Christ, our Lord. As we worship, may we gain new insight about the mystery and wonder of your love. May we sense new ways to mirror that reconciling love in our world, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE "Nimrod – from *Enigma Variations*" Edward Elgar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

People: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,

ALL: from everlasting to everlasting you are God. Let us worship, God.

***HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion with one another and you through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and reconcile us, one to another. We long for you to help us experience union with you and with each other as we gather in your house of worship. Even now, dependent on your grace and forgiveness alone, we recommit ourselves to live more fully in the unity and forgiveness you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, 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 "Simple Praise" Craig Courtney and Pamela Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sherry Childers

OLD TESTAMENT READING
2 Samuel 25:1-14, 18-19, 23-25, 32-33, 38 (Bible, OT p. 269)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING
2 Corinthians 5:18-19 (Bible, NT p. 181)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "A Timely Word" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 370** "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH

***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
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory "Song without Words" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
*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 343** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Fugue" 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.

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 Kusper Sandra Cox
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2018	Sherry Childers
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
	Jill Hamilton Teresa Kincaid