

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

March 4

Concerns: Eric/Sherry and family (Rev. Ellen), Ethel (Betty), Myrtle's family (Nurture), Linda (Carrie & Marty)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, March 11

LENT IV
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
11:15 AM – Nominating Committee
11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
6:00 PM – Choir

Monday, March 12

7:00 PM – Gathering Time
7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, March 13

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Property Committee
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, March 14

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
6:00 PM – Adult Small Group
6:00 PM – Youth Choir
7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, March 15

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, March 18

LENT V
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, March 19

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 25

PALM SUNDAY
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
11:15 AM – Covered Dish Lunch in BPC Fellowship Hall
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 in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.”

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

March 11, 2018

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, March 11	Monday, March 12	Tuesday, March 13	Wednesday, March 14	Thursday, March 15	Friday, March 16	Saturday, March 17
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 48:8-22 2 nd Reading: Rom. 8:11-25 Gospel: John 6:27-40 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 49:1-28 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1 Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Genesis 49:29-50:14 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 11:2-34 Gospel: Mark 8:1-10 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 50:15-26 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 12:1-11 Gospel: Mark 8:11-26 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Exodus 1:6-22 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 12:12-26 Gospel: Mark 8:27-9:1 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Exodus 2:1-22 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3 Gospel: Mark 9:2-13 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Ex. 2:23-3:15 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 13:1-13 Gospel: Mark 9:14-29 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
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018 9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Surely, He Hath Borne our Grief" from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 387** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

***HYMN 138** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAEA

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Isaiah 40

Leader: A voice cries out: "in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!"

People: We will make straight, in the desert places of our lives, a highway for God!

ALL: In our worship today, set the GPS of our lives in straight paths of faithfulness for your sake alone. Following you like this, together in worship and apart in work, may our ways become indiscernible from yours; that the glory of the Lord may be revealed and all people see God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***HYMN 2152** "Change My Heart, O God" CHANGE MY HEART

(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 Mighty Fortress" Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ed Kuspert

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:1-5 ([Bible](#), OT p. 667)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 14:8-14 ([Bible](#), NT p. 108)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Irresistible Action" Rev Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 344** "Christ of the Upward Way" SURSUM CORDA

GOD'S CALL AT WORK: ECO PALM MINISTRY
with Dr. Dean Current, Julio Madrid and Julio Trujillo

***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 "How Beautiful are the Feet of Them" from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel
*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 525** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Carillon" Leon Boellmann

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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 Carrie Paxton
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS: Wayne Josey
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Ed Kuspert
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Jacob Smith Judy Petrea
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kuspert, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Christel Josey Robin Barham