

**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)]

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, March 18**  
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 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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Tuesday, March 27**  
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 28**  
 10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**Thursday, March 29**  
 7:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 30**  
 7:00 PM – Good Friday Service in BPC Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 1**  
 RESURRECTION SUNDAY  
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
 7:09 AM – Sunrise Service in the BPC Cemetery immediately followed by Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion  
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study  
 11:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt  
 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, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”**



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

March 18, 2018

**“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. 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, March 18   | Monday, March 19  | Tuesday, March 20  | Wednesday, March 21   | Thursday, March 22  | Friday, March 23   | Saturday, March 24  |
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| Morning: Psalms 84; 150<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 3:16-4:12<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 12:1-21<br>Gospel: John 8:46-59<br>Evening: Psalms 42; 32 | Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 4:10-20 (21-26) 27-31<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 14:1-19<br>Gospel: Mark 9:30-41<br>Evening: Psalms 121; 6 | Morning: Psalms 34; 146<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 5:1-6:1<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 14:20-33a, 39-40<br>Gospel: Mark 9:42-50<br>Evening: Psalms 25; 91 | Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 7:8-24<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 2:14-3:6<br>Gospel: Mark 10:1-16<br>Evening: Psalms 27; 51 | Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 7:25-8:19<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 3:7-18<br>Gospel: Mark 10:17-31<br>Evening: Psalms 126; 102 | Morning: Psalms 22; 148<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 9:13-35<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 4:1-12<br>Gospel: Mark 10:32-45<br>Evening: Psalms 105; 130 | Morning: Psalms 43; 149<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 10:21-11:8<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Cor. 4:13-18<br>Gospel: Mark 10:46-52<br>Evening: Psalms 31; 143 |

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

March 18, 2018

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Et in Terra Pax Hominibus"  
(And on Earth Peace Among Men) from "Gloria" Antonio Vivaldi

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SONGS OF PREPARATION**

**\*HYMN 467** (vv. 1, 3) "How Great Thou Art" O STORE GUD

**\*HYMN** (insert) "Holy Spirit" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 105

*Leader:* Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Women:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

**Men:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

*Leader:* Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

ALL: O offspring of Abraham, through Jesus Christ! His servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones --- Come, let us worship God!!

**\*HYMN 2236** (vv. 1, 2, 4) "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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** Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Genesis 15:1-6 (Bible, OT p. 12)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** John 8:48-59 (Bible, NT p. 102)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Truly, Truly – God WILL Act" 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 "Break, my heart" from "The Passion" George Frederick 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 392** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Marche Religieuse" 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                                   |
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| Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i><br>Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i><br>Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i> | <b>HEAD USHER</b><br>Carrie Paxton       |
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