

**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)]

**March 19**

**Joys:** Faye (Nurture), Manager of Dollar General (Christel)

**Concerns:** Janice (Eric), Kimberly (Suds of Love)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, March 26**

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 Pavilion

**Tuesday, March 28**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 29**

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 31**

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Fred L. Wilson Elementary School in BPC Fellowship Hall & Educational Building  
5:00 – 10:00 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, April 1**

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 2**

LENT V  
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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 2 (continued)**

11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion  
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

**Monday, April 3**

2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

**Tuesday, April 4**

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

**Wednesday, April 5**

Deadline for ordering Easter Lilies  
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

**Saturday, April 8**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Girl Scouts in Basement of Educational Building  
9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM – Garden Work Day  
1:00 – 6:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 9**

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 Pavilion

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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**Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

March 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, March 26	Monday, March 27	Tuesday, March 28	Wednesday, March 29	Thursday, March 30	Friday, March 31	Saturday, April 1
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 14:1-9 (10-16) 17-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Gal. 4:21-5:1 Gospel: Mark 8:11-21 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 16:(1-9) 10-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 7:1-12 Gospel: John 6:1-15 Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 17:19-27 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 7:13-25 Gospel: John 6:16-27 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:1-11 Gospel: John 6:27-40 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 22:13-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:12-27 Gospel: John 6:41-51 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 23:1-8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 8:28-39 Gospel: John 6:52-59 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23:9-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-18 Gospel: John 6:60-71 Evening: Psalms 31; 143

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

March 26, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Adapted from a prayer from St. Thomas Episcopal Church

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in worship this day, we may learn to serve you with gladness. For the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Air on the G String" J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 24

Minister: The earth is the LORDS's,

People: and everything in it,

ALL: May all who live in the world, worship God!

**\*HYMN** (insert) "Creation Sings the Father's Song"  
Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and  
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

(Please, take a moment of silent confession.)

"Confession" Michael A. Schmid

Lord, your mercy covers me. Lord, your mercy has set me free.  
You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,  
by the cross and empty grave for my soul!

**THE WORD**

**TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS**

**ANTHEM** "Come, Holy Light, Guide Divine" from "Judas Maccabaens" G.F. Handel

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Richie Goodman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 98:1-9 (Bible, OT p. 551)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 8:18-25 (Bible, NT p. 158)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Triumphant Praise" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 272** "God of the Sparrow" ROEDER

**\*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**

Offertory "Andante" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
\*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 298** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Et in Terra Pax Homminibus" A. Vivaldi

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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>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Carrie Paxton
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Macky Petrea Paula Myers
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