

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, March 4
 LENT III
 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
 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

Tuesday, March 6
 10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

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

Saturday, March 10
 9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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



“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

March 4, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, March 4	Monday, March 5	Tuesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 7	Thursday, March 8	Friday, March 9	Saturday, March 10
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 44:1-17 2 nd Reading: Rom. 8:1-10 Gospel: John 5:25-29 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 44:18-34 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Gen. 45:1-15 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 45:16-28 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Gospel: Mark 6:13-29 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Gospel: Mark 6:30-46 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Gen. 47:1-26 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Gospel: Mark 6:47-56 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Gen. 47:27-48:7 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Gospel: Mark 7:1-23 Evening: Psalms 31; 143

The Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *Aria "I had great heaviness of heart"* J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 370** (vv. 1-3) *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"* WOODWORTH

***HYMN 262** (vv. 1 & 4) *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"* NATIONAL HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: King Hezekiah heard these words, "I will defend this city, says the Lord. For I will defend this place, to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of David."

People: Father, may we hear your Word of promise, Old Testament and New today. May it stir a trust in us as it did for Hezekiah and Jesus, your Son.

ALL: May we worship this day with this same Spirit of belief and assurance. Like the city of Jerusalem, or the disciples of Christ, may our worship today fortify our trust in the Father's directing call in our time and place. For this proclaiming purpose, Let us worship God!"

***HYMN 276** *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF 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 *"Come, Holy Light, Guide Divine"* from Judas Maccabaeus G.F. Handel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Cheryl Kuser

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE II Kings 19:29-37 (Bible, OT p. 353)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 5:19-24 (Bible, NT p. 96)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *"You've Got to Got it to Get it to Do it?"* Rev Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 2042** *"I Believe in God Almighty"* ARFON

***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 and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory *"Priere a Notre Dame"* L. Boellmann
*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** *"In Christ Alone"* Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

***POSTLUDE** *"Trumpet Voluntary"* John Stanley

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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 Cheryl Kuser
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Sherry Childers Leslie Gibson
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