

**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)]

**February 26**

**Joys:** Guy (Guy & Family)

**Concerns:** Lisa and family (Betty), Barry (Jenny), Lowe's employees (The Gurleys), Keith (Jill & Roger), Dale (Chris), Ronnie, Tracey (Sterling)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, March 5**

LENT I  
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  
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion  
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

**Monday, March 6**

2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

**Tuesday, March 7**

6:30 – Women's Bible Study Group - Session Room

**Wednesday, March 8**

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 10**

5:00 – 10:00 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 11**

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

**Sunday, March 12 (continued →)**

LENT II  
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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, March 12**

11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship  
1:00 – 7:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall  
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion

**March 13 – March 19**

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner on vacation

**Monday, March 13**

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee  
7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

**Tuesday, March 14**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM – Property Committee  
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee  
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

**Wednesday, March 15**

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

**Thursday, March 16**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

**Saturday, March 18**

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Girl Scouts Thinking Day in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 19**

LENT III  
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  
12:00 – 5:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall  
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion



**Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

March 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!*



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**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, March 5	Monday, March 6	Tuesday, March 7	Wednesday, March 8	Thursday, March 9	Friday, March 10	Saturday, March 11
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 9:23-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 8:1-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 2:11-18 Gospel: John 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 9:(1-3) 4-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 3:1-11 Gospel: John 2:13-22 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 9:13-21 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 3:12-19 Gospel: John 2:23-3:15 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Ps. 27; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 9:23-10:5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 4:1-10 Gospel: John 3:16-21 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 10:12-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Heb. 4:11-16 Gospel: John 3:22-36 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Deut. 11:18-28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10 Gospel: John 4:1-26 Evening: Psalms 31; 143

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

March 5, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

All week we have been about the business of living. Today, as we celebrate your resurrection day, we return to worship you because we realize, deep down, that any other refuge in money, people, job security, or friends cannot shield us; not really. Those things are wonderful, yet fleeting vapors that can so quickly dissipate. You are not fleeting, LORD! You will never dissipate, Savior! As we worship today, solidify this reality deep, deep in our worshipping, thankful hearts. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Pavane" Gabriel Faure

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 63

Minister: God, you are our God, earnestly we seek you.

People: We thirst for you, my whole being longs for you

Minister: in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

People: we have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

ALL: Because your love is better than life, may our lips glorify you as we come and worship God this day!

**\*HYMN 288** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

(Please, take a moment of silent confession.)

"Confession" Michael A. Schmid

**\*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** "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl F. Mueller

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Diane Mullinax

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 34:1-9; 22 (Bible, OT p. 508)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 8:31-32 (Bible, NT p. 158)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Real Shelter: Sure and True" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 275** "God of Our Life" SANDON

**\*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 "Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel" Engelbert Humperdinck  
\*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 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Allegro Movement from Sonata I" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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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
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>  Diane Mullinax
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i>	On Call: Susan Smith, Marty Paxton, Brandi Coley, Al Smith, Josh Sholly
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Christel Josey Marsha Johnson