

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

April 8

Concerns: Hannah (Jimmie), Jeremiah (Jimmie), Faye and Family (Linda & Reid), Deena (Barbara), Deena (Cheryl), Prebble (Martha), A Friend (Martha)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, April 15

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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, April 16

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 17

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, April 18

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, April 19

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

Saturday, April 21

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts Event at BPC Facilities

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 22

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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

Tuesday, April 24

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, April 25

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

Thursday, April 26

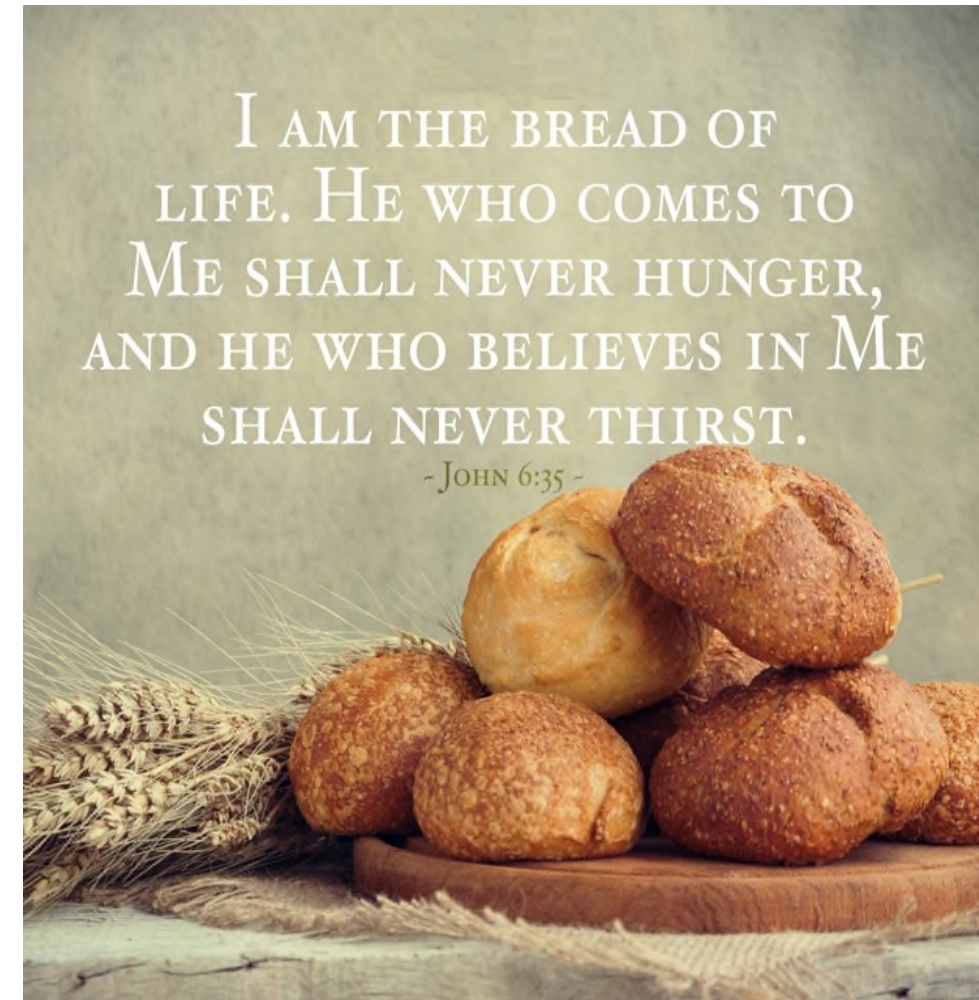
8:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Saturday, April 28

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Community Health Fair at McGill Baptist Church

Sunday, April 29

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Casual Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
 11:15 AM – Spring Fling 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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

April 15, 2018

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, April 15	Monday, April 16	Tuesday, April 17	Wednesday, April 18	Thursday, April 19	Friday, April 20	Saturday, April 21
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1st Read: Ex. 18:1-12 2nd Read: 1 John 2:7-17 Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1st Read: Ex. 18:13-27 2nd Read: 1 Peter 5:1-14 Gospel: Mt. (1:1-17) 3:1-6 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1st Read: Exodus 19:1-16 2nd Read: Col. 1:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 3:7-12 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1st Read: Exodus 19:16-25 2nd Read: Colossians 1:15-23 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1st Read: Exodus 20:1-21 2nd Read: Col. 1:24-2:7 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1st Read: Ex. 24:1-18 2nd Read: Col. 2:8-23 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Read: Exodus 25:1-22 2nd Read: Colossians 3:1-17 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-25 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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
Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

People: We are so hungry and thirsty for more than the things of this world.

ALL: Christ has risen! Therefore, let us eat of the bread of God, his Word; the only bread that will never spoil, the bread that has been given to satisfy the deepest hunger for all of creation.

***HYMN 108** (v. 1, 2, 4) "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Resurrected and Sustaining Lord, You remind us that it is in you alone that we find our deepest hungers met. Yet, we seek all kinds of other "things" to fill us. (Please take a moment to discern the things in your life that you are looking to fill you, that are not of God.)

Forgive our ignorance and our lack of trust that you, do in fact, know how to fill our deepest hunger. Remind us in our everyday life (especially when sin's "spin" seductively whispers so loudly) that it is only in you, the true bread of life, that the deepest cravings of belly and soul, life and death are met. Take away any illusion that the work of being filled is in our hands and allow us to strive and serve our greatest ambitions; that of seeking you; the truest bread of eternal life. Amen.

***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 "The Wise Man Built His House on the Rock" Children's Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Martyr Paxton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 16:1-4 (Bible, OT p. 62)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 6:25-35 (Bible, NT p. 98)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "I am the Bread Of Life!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 2126** "All Who Hunger" HOLY MANNA

***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 "Sicilienne" Maria von Paradis
*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDTTH

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 446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "from Sonata III" 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>	HEAD USHER Christel Josey
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS: Chris Ferguson Amanda Ritchie
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