

## 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).]

### April 9

**Joys:** Garden looks wonderful! (Heather), Janice, Amy & Amanda (Christel), Eloise (Nurture)

**Concerns:** Phil (Amy), Christian Church in Egypt (Christel), Melissa's Grandma (Melissa), Phil & Ann (Betty), Phil (Nurture), Christians in Egypt (Rev. Ellen), World Peace this Palm Sunday (Ronnie), Burden (Kim)

## SERMON NOTES

## THIS WEEK AT BPC

### Sunday, April 16

#### RESURRECTION SUNDAY

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering  
6:50 AM – Sunrise Service in the BPC Cemetery immediately followed by Breakfast in 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 Pavilion

### Tuesday, April 18

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

### Wednesday, April 19

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, April 20

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 Baker's Creek

### Friday, April 21 – Saturday, April 22

Private event in BPC Sanctuary

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Sunday, April 23

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

### Monday, April 24

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

### Tuesday, April 25

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
8:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker's Creek

### Wednesday, April 26

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, April 27

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker's Creek

### Sunday, April 30

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM – Sunday School  
9:55 AM – Fifth Sunday Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall  
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



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

April 16, 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, April 16	Monday, April 17	Tuesday, April 18	Wednesday, April 19	Thursday, April 20	Friday, April 21	Saturday, April 22
<p><i>Morning:</i> Psalms 93; 150 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Ex. 12:1-14 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - morning:</i> John 1:1-8 <i>or 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - evening:</i> Isaiah 51:9-11 <i>Gospel - evening:</i> Luke 24:13-35 <i>or Gospel - evening:</i> John 20:19-23 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 136; 117</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Psalms 97; 145 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Jonah 2:1-10 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 2:14, 22-32 <i>Gospel:</i> John 14:1-14 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 124; 115</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Psalms 98; 146 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Isaiah 30:18-26 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 2:36-41 (42-47) <i>Gospel:</i> John 14:15-31 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 66; 116</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Ps. 99; 147:1-11 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Micah 7:7-15 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 3:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> John 15:1-11 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 9; 118</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Ps. 47; 147:12-20 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Ezekiel 37:1-14 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 3:11-26 <i>Gospel:</i> John 15:12-27 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 68; 113</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Psalms 96; 148 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Dan 12:1-4, 13 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 4:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> John 16:1-15 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 49; 138</p>	<p><i>Morning:</i> Psalms 92; 149 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</i> Isaiah 25:1-9 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</i> Acts 4:13-21 (22-31) <i>Gospel:</i> John 16:16-33 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 23; 114</p>

The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 16, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*"Arise, My Soul, Arise"*

Dan Forrest

**PRELUDE**

*"Gloria in Excelsis"*

A. Vivaldi

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Minister: He is Risen!*

Congregation: He is risen! INDEED!

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 123**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

EASTER HYMN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We serve a Risen Savior yet live as if we are still entombed by death. Forgive us, Lord that we are so hesitant to live the resurrected life. Forgive us that we fail to show in word and action the truth that you loved us past the shattered chains of death into the eternal kingdom of God through the glorious mystery of the Cross. Forgive us that there is still fear in our lives that prevents us from achieving your fully intended potential in us. Draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of our Risen Lord, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified throughout all the earth. 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**

**ANTHEM**

*"Alleluia"*

John Rutter

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Heather Kirkman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ([Bible](#), OT p. 565)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 20:1-10 ([Bible](#), NT p. 114)

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**SERMON**

*"When 'No Shows' Show it All: He Lives!"*

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
& 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.

**THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE BY INTINCTION**

*(Please come forward to receive communion using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
and OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**

Offertory from *"The Seven Last Words of Christ"*

T. Dubois

\*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 118**

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

LANCASHIRE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Fugue"*

J.S. Bach

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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](http://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> Christel Josey
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Ed and Cheryl Kusper, Macky Petrea, Diane Mullinax
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b> Heather Kirkman
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/ Evangelism</i>	Leslie Gibson Dougie Kirkman
<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>	No Children's Worship