

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 16

Joys: Paula (Rev. Ellen)

Concerns: The Gilley Family (Christel)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, May 1 – Sunday, May 7

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

Monday, May 1

2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, May 2

6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrin Park

Wednesday, May 3

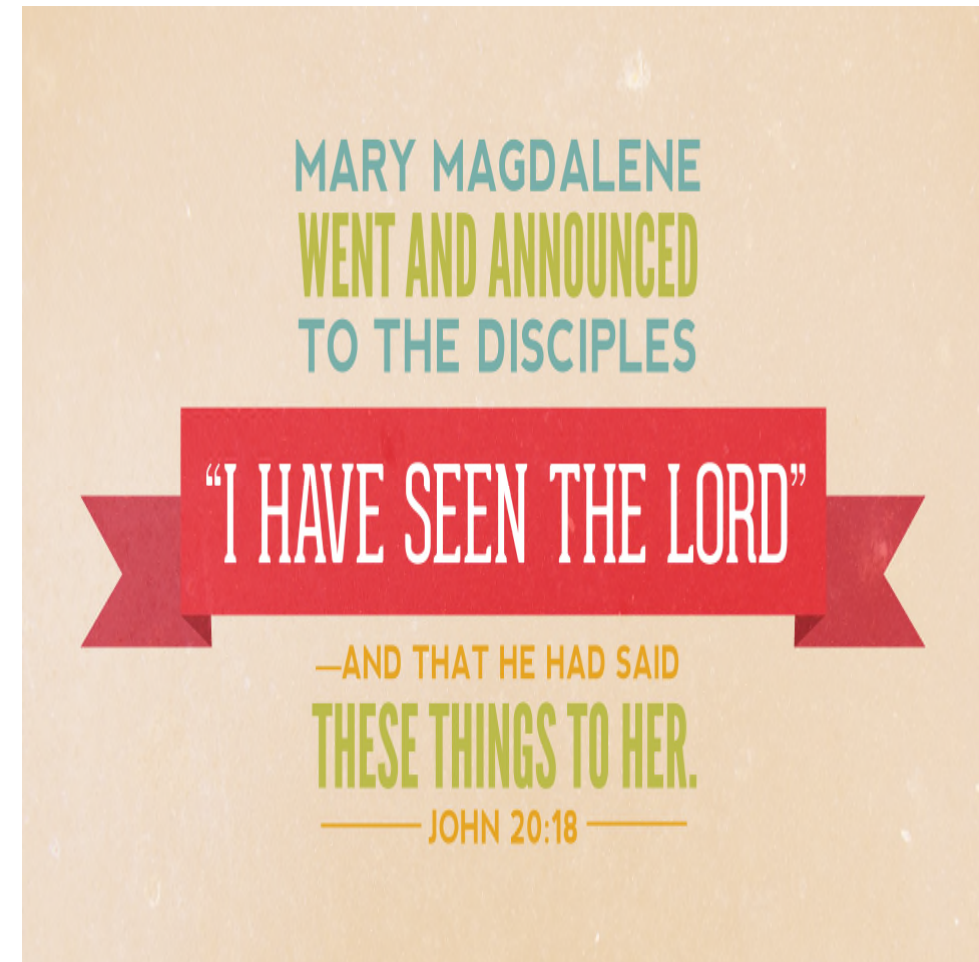
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, May 4

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

Sunday, May 7

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 with Communion
 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
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

April 23, 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, April 23	Monday, April 24	Tuesday, April 25	Wednesday, April 26	Thursday, April 27	Friday, April 28	Saturday, April 29
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 st Reading: Isaiah 43:8-13 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 2:2-10 Gospel: John 14:1-7 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 st Reading: Daniel 1:1-21 2 nd Reading: 1 John 1:1-10 Gospel: John 17:1-11 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 st Reading: Daniel 2:1-16 2 nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-11 Gospel: John 17:12-19 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Daniel 2:17-30 2 nd Reading: 1 John 2:12-17 Gospel: John 17:20-26 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Daniel 2:31-49 2 nd Reading: 1 John 2:18-29 Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 st Reading: Daniel 3:1-18 2 nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-10 Gospel: Luke 3:15-22 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Reading: Daniel 3:19-30 2 nd Reading: 1 John 3:11-18 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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 The Common Order of the Church of Scotland

Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you. The Cross has not defeated you, the grave has not kept you silent. At the first dew of the morning, you met our sister, Mary, and called her by name. Meet us as we come to worship this day; just as you met Mary, with gentleness and a resolution. Speak our names quietly in our hearts, that we may exclaim, "Teacher!" and proclaim your Holy name, "Lord and Christ" boldly on our lips in prayer and praise this day! Amen!

PRELUDE "Canon In D" Johann Pachelbel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from

Minister: Peace be with you! "Why are you weeping?", the angels said to Mary!

Congregation: Peace be to you! "Why are you weeping?" Jesus said to Mary.

ALL: He has risen and therefore his peace is with us! We need weep no more! For sin and even death has been conquered by his resurrection's power! Life then need have no end! Let us worship God!

***HYMN 108** "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Wondrous Risen God, you have broken the power of sin and death, and by your great mercy, you have given us new birth into a living hope. This we proclaim! This we want to believe! But seeds of doubt grow quickly in our human hearts. Fear chokes off confidence and prevents us from receiving your Spirit. We multiply our sorrows by worshipping what we see and hear more than you, our delight and our salvation. O God, in your great mercy, grant us the peace that passes understanding. Forgive us, and draw us closer to you, that we may breathe deeply of your presence and find in you the fullness of grace. (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 "Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him" Hal H. Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marty Paxton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 19:20 (Bible, OT p. 648)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:11-18 (Bible, NT p. 114)

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

SERMON "Rabonni!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 122** "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

***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 "Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness" J. S. Bach

*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 2114** "At the Font We Start Our Journey" LAUDA ANIMA

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" from The Messiah G. F. Handel

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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 2017	USHERS Ed and Cheryl Kusper
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Marty Paxton
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Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i>	On Call: Linda VanPelt, Peggy Overcash, Rhonda Jones, Leslie Gibson
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