

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, April 8
 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 9
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, April 10
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM – Property Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, April 11
 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 12
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Saturday, April 14
 9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

“Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my WORD will never see DEATH.”
 John 8:51, NRSV



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

April 8, 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, April 8	Monday, April 9	Tuesday, April 10	Wednesday, April 11	Thursday, April 12	Friday, April 13	Saturday, April 14
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 st Reading: Ex. 14:5-22 2 nd Reading: 1 John 1:1-7 Gospel: John 14:1-7 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 st Reading: Ex. 14:21-31 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 1:1-12 Gospel: Jn. (14:1-7) 8-17 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 st Reading: Ex. 15:1-21 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 1:13-25 Gospel: John 14:18-31 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Ex. 15:22-16:10 2 nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10 Gospel: John 15:1-11 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Exodus 16:10-22 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 2:11-3:12 Gospel: John 15:12-27 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 st Reading: Ex. 16:23-36 2 nd Reading: 1 Pet. 3:13-4:6 Gospel: John 16:1-15 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Reading: Exodus 17:1-16 2 nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-19 Gospel: John 16:16-33 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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

April 8, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Andante from *Symphonie Gothique*" Charles Marie Widor

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONGS OF PREPARATION

***HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

***HYMN** (insert - vv. 1, 3) "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Mark 16:1-7

Leader: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might anoint Jesus' body.

People: "Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb?" they wondered?

Leader: The angel said, "You are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen!" Is it not early in our day too?

ALL: Have we not come seeking Jesus, the Nazarene; worshipping and proclaiming our love and thankfulness in a God that breaks through the darkness of sin and death for us? In the light of His resurrected glory, let us worship God!

***HYMN 118** "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The bare truth, Resurrected Savior is: I don't know if it's harder to believe that you can overcome sin and death or to confess that I cannot. (Please take a moment to confess; allow Jesus Christ to once again be Lord of all your life.)

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE John 8:48-59 (Bible, NT p. 102)

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

SERMON "Jesus, the Preexistent Saviour" Rev. Dr. Sergio Schmidt

***HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

***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 "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel

*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 2173** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "O Death, Where is Thy Sting?" 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 2018	USHERS: Chris Ferguson Amanda Ritchie
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