

**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 30**

Joys: Phil (Ed), Cheryl & Ed (Diane), Chloe (Cameron)  
Concerns: Charles (Margaret), Derek & Family (Ed)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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

**Monday, May 8**

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

**Tuesday, May 9**

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  
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker’s Creek

**Wednesday, May 10**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm  
 6:30 PM – Choir

**Thursday, May 11**

9:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Saturday, May 13**

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Garden Plant Day  
 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 14**

Mother’s Day  
 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, May 15**

4:00 – 8:00 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, May 16 – Monday, May 22**

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

**Tuesday, May 16**

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Wednesday, May 17**

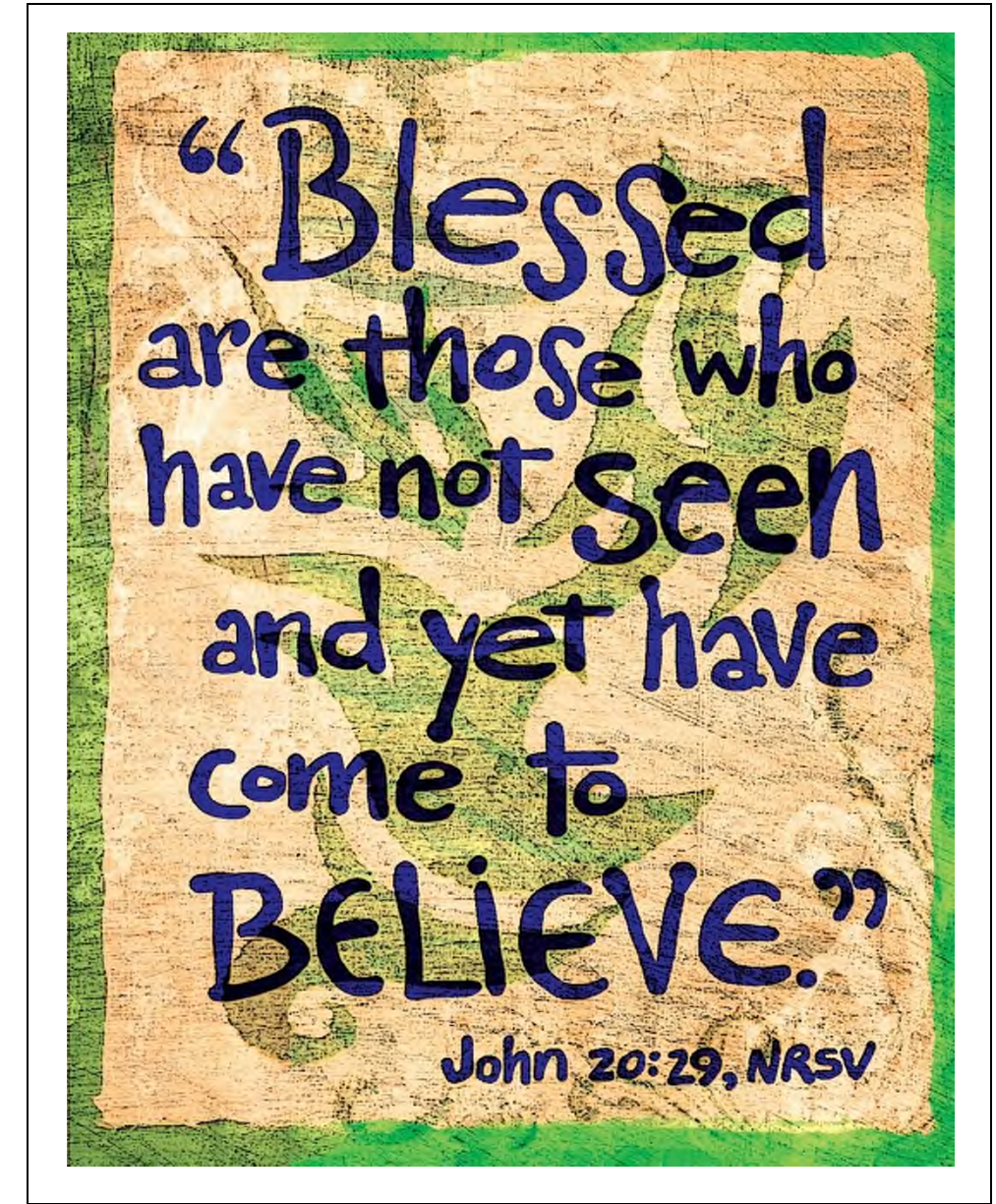
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm  
 6:30 PM – Choir

**Thursday, May 18**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Baker’s Creek

**Sunday, May 21**

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

May 7, 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 pen 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, May 7	Monday, May 8	Tuesday, May 9	Wednesday, May 10	Thursday, May 11	Friday, May 12	Saturday, May 13
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Gen. 18:22-33 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Pet. 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 7:15-29 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 30:1-9 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 1:1-14 Gospel: Luke 6:1-11 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 30:10-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 1:15-23 Gospel: Luke 6:12-26 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 30:18-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 1:24-2:7 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Ps. 47; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 31:1-14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 2:8-23 Gospel: Luke 6:39-49 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 31:15-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 3:1-11 Gospel: Luke 7:1-17 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Jer. 31:23-25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 3:12-17 Gospel: Luke 7:18-28 (29-30) 31-35 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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

May 7, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION.**

**PRELUDE** "Sonata III" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Jude 1-2

"To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance."

**\*HYMN 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Proverbs 20:9 (NIV)

Who can say, "I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?" (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** "Here I Am, Lord" Words by Daniel L. Schutte, Choral setting by Jack Schrader

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jimmie Melton

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 20:24-31 (Bible, NT p. 115)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Enough Evidence, Either Way" Rev. Doug VanNeil

**\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH** Psalm 23 (NIV)

"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.  
He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you [LORD] are with me,  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

**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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS  
and OUR 10¢ -A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory "Chorale" Johannes Brahms  
\*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 361** "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE** Jude 20-25

"But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear...To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

**\*POSTLUDE** "Fugue" Dietrich Buxtehude

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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.

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> Linda VanPelt
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Steve Gaskey Margaret Griffin
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b> Jimmie Melton
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Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/ Evangelism</i>	Dougie Kirkman Judy Petrea
<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