

**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).]

**June 10**

**Joys:** Graduation, Linda, All of the Spiritual gifts, Amanda & David  
**Concerns:** Barbara (Sherry), Robbie (Marty), Clarke Family (Heather)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, June 17**

Father's Day Offering  
 8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM – Sunday School  
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Graduate Recognition  
 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, June 18**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, June 19**

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, June 20**

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, June 24**

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

**Wednesday, June 27**

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**Sunday, July 1**

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
 8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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 Fellowship Hall & Pavilion



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

June 17, 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!*

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, June 17	Monday, June 18	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, June 20	Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 22	Saturday, June 23
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 6:22-27 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 13:1-12 Gospel: Luke 12:41-48 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 9:15-23, 10:29-36 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 1:1-15 Gospel: Mt. 17:14-21 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 11:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 1:16-25 Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Ps. 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 11:24-33 (34-35) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 1:28-2:11 Gospel: Matthew 18:1-9 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 12:1-16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 2:12-24 Gospel: Matthew 18:10-20 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 13:1-3, 21-30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 2:25-3:8 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Num. 13:31-14:25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 3:9-20 Gospel: Matthew 19:1-12 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 17, 2018

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**\*HYMN 485** "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Minister:* Some boast of their motor cars, and some of their mansions, but we boast of the name of the Lord of hosts!

**People:** Should all else collapse in a heap, we shall stand up tall due to the steadfast love of our heavenly Father and God.

*Minister:* The Psalmist reminds us, "Do not be impressed by the outward appearance of a person, for God does not see like we do, but our Father in Heaven looks into the heart of His children.

**People:** Praise God! For if anyone travels with Christ, there is a new creation, old things are obsolete, all things become new.

**ALL:** We choose to travel with Christ, worshipping this Father, who knows the human heart and yet, does not condemn, but through Christ Jesus makes all things new.

**\*HYMN 293** "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

As Sons and Daughters of God, we are not afraid to come to our loving Father in Heaven to confess our sins. For we know that the loving creator of all reality, forgives us, and redeems us from the violence of sin and the oppression of death through his Son and our brother Jesus Christ. Father, this must be how we know that your Spirit has sown the good news in our hearts, for we begin to see the tiny seeds of forgiveness taking hold and growing; your love and grace freeing each of us from any fear or condemnation. Plant anew, the willingness to trust such amazing grace and to follow you alone; that your Kingdom might come and Your will might be done in and through us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the reason for our resurrection hope, our freedom to now confess our sins and Your assured forgiveness. 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**

**RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES**

**ANTHEM** "Day by Day" Martin How  
This piece is based on the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (b. 1197-1253)

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Sherry Shifflett

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 20 (Bible, OT p. 499)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Mark 4:26-34 (Bible, NT p. 38)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "God's Power: As We Are Able To Hear It"  
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #1

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People:** That I belong - body and soul, in life and death- not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has also assured me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**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 and OUR FATHER'S DAY OFFERING**

Offertory "Priere" Louis Vierne

\*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 344** "Christ of the Upward Way" SURSUM CORDA

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Toccata" 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.

**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>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Cheryl Kusper
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