

**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).]

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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  
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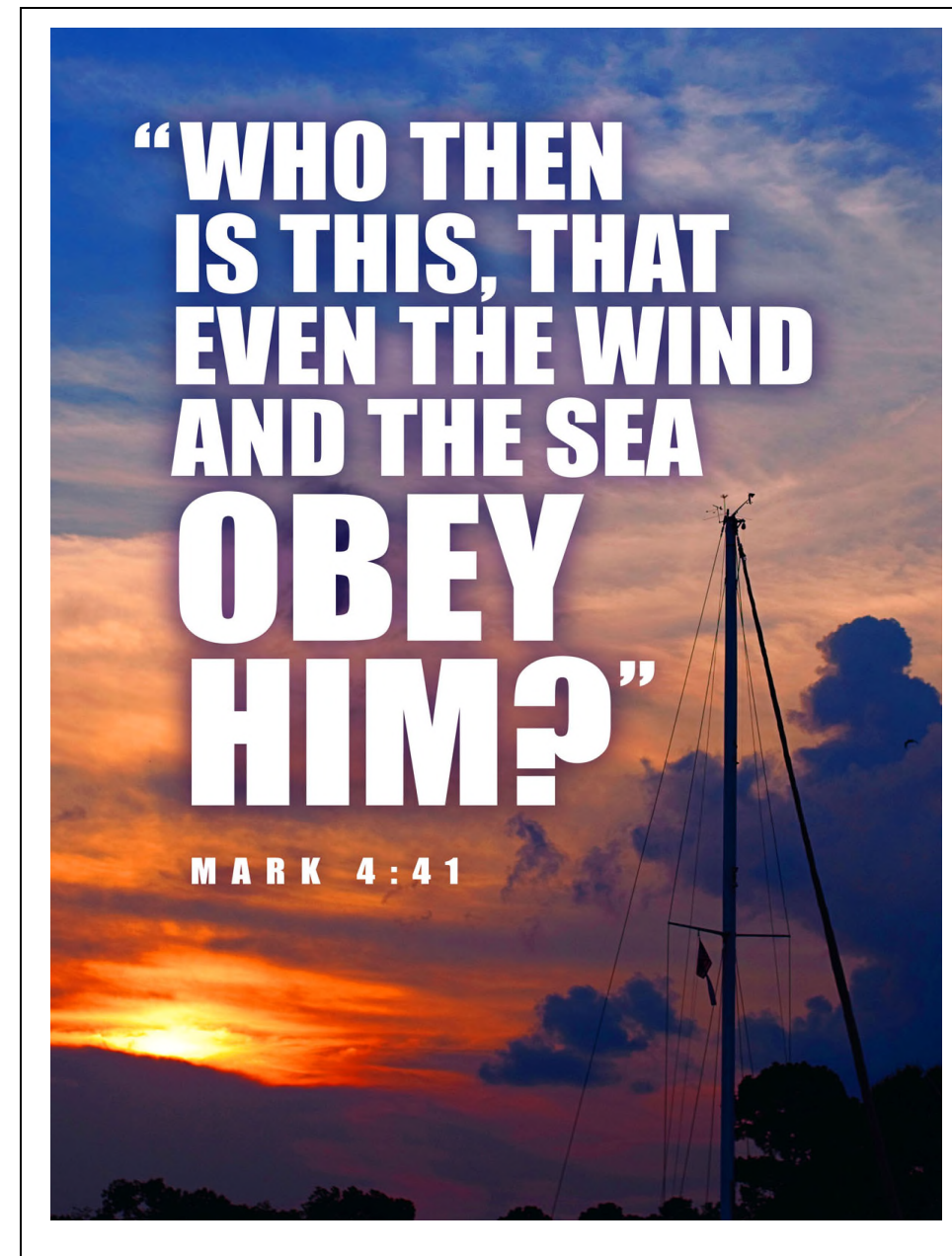
**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Monday, July 2**  
 6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

**Tuesday, July 3**  
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM – Nurture Committee  
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group eat out at El Amigo

**Wednesday, July 4**  
 Church office closed

**Sunday, July 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  
 4:00 – 6:00 PM – Girl Scouts set up for Day Camp



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

June 24, 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 24	Monday, June 25	Tuesday, June 26	Wednesday, June 27	Thursday, June 28	Friday, June 29	Saturday, June 30
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Num. 14:26-45 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 15:1-12 Gospel: Luke 12:49-56 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Num. 16:1-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Rom. 3:21-31 Gospel: Mt. 19:13-22 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Num. 16:20-35 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 4:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Numbers 16:36-50 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 4:13-25 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Numbers 17:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Num. 20:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 5:12-21 Gospel: Matthew 20:29-34 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Numbers 20:14-29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 6:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2018

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Nimrod from Enigma Variations" Sir Edward Elgar

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

By request

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: *The Lord is stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*

People: **Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Leader: *Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

ALL: Be gracious to me, O Lord. You are the one who lifts me up, so that I may recount all your praises and rejoice in your deliverance this very day and always.

**\*HYMN 288** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Moira Laidlaw

Merciful God, we share the conviction of the Psalmist that you are our stronghold in times of trouble and we rejoice over the evidence of such care for us and for all people which we experience in Jesus. Yet, we confess how easily we identify with the fear of the disciples when they were caught in the storm; like them, our faith falters and our anxiety levels soar when life becomes too turbulent for us. We fail to remember that Jesus demonstrated that your power, O God, can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. And so, time and again, the stresses of living and working and learning threaten to swamp us. Our lives sometimes feel as though they are spinning out of control with worries over health, relationships, finances, the state of the world . . . We forget that Jesus is in our midst calming our fears and strengthening us especially when we feel most vulnerable and fearful and weak.

*(Please, take a moment for silent confession.)*

Gracious God, forgive us all our fears and weaknesses, we pray. Renew and strengthen our faith in the living Christ so that we can live as he did, without fear and empowered by God's power and absolute care. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

**\*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** (insert) "All I Have Is Christ" Jordan Kauflin

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Heather Kirkman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 9:9-20 (Bible, OT p. 493)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Mark 4:35-41 (Bible, NT p. 39)

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**SERMON** "Why do We Fret?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert) "Still, My Soul, Be Still" Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, arr Ruth Coleman

**\*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**

Offertory "Arioso" 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 2166** "Christ Beside Me" BUNESSAN

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Aria" Paul Manz

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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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