

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

[If you have a prayer concern or joy to share during the week, please email Rev. Ellen at ellen@bethpagechurch.org.]

July 8

Joys: Camila

Concerns: Sherri's son (Margaret), Mission Groups in Haiti (Rob)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, July 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, July 16
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, July 17
 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 18
 10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm

Saturday, July 21
 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Vacation Bible School at BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, July 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

Wednesday, July 25
 10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM - Choir

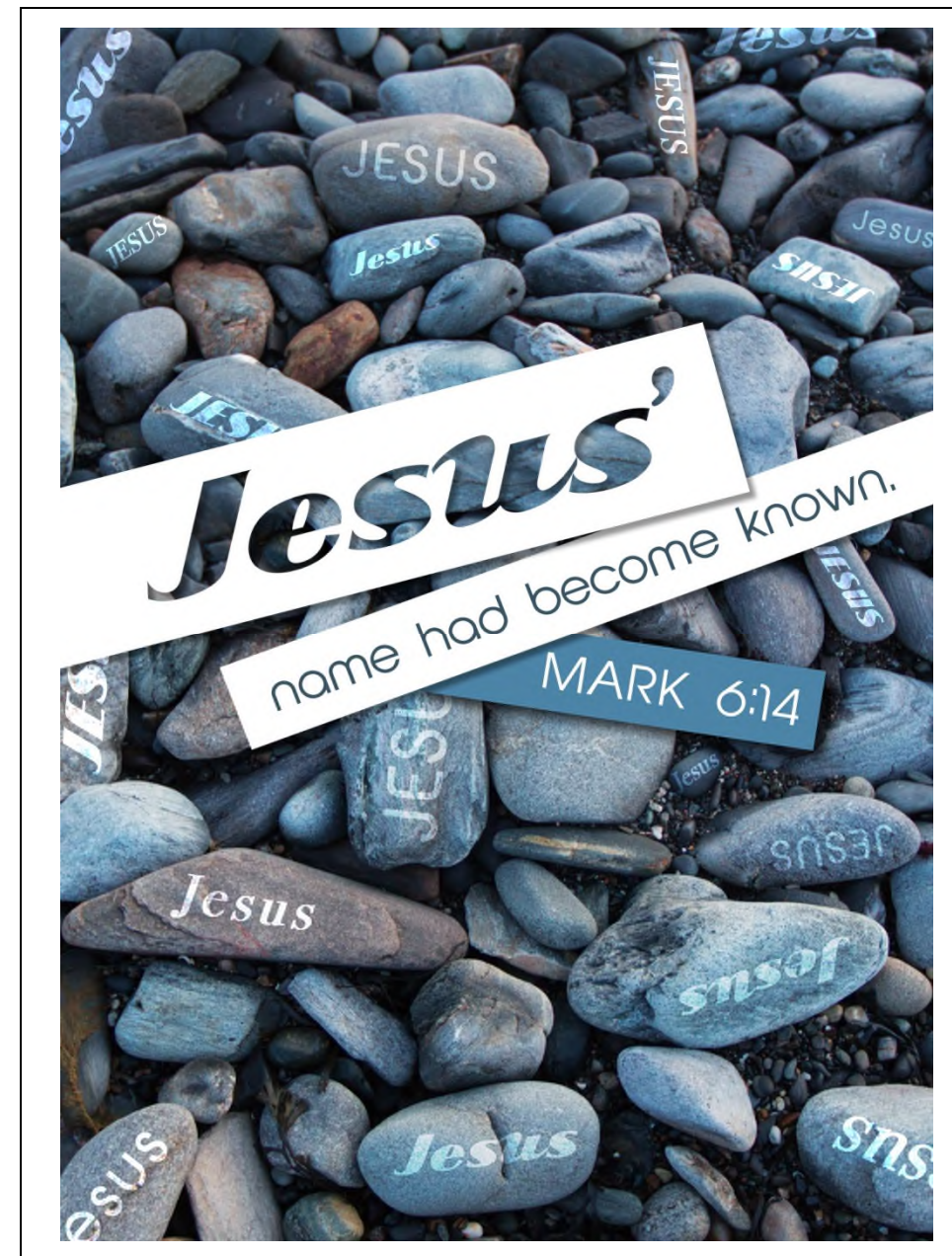
Sunday, July 29
 8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Casual Worship Service in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
 11:15 AM – Lunch in BPC Fellowship Hall
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

July 15, 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, July 15	Monday, July 16	Tuesday, July 17	Wednesday, July 18	Thursday, July 19	Friday, July 20	Saturday, July 21
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 103; 150 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 1:1-18 <i>2nd Read:</i> Acts 21:3-15 <i>Gospel:</i> Mark 1:21-27 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 117; 139	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 5; 145 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 2:1-14 <i>2nd Read:</i> Rom. 11:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 25:1-13 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 82; 29	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 42; 146 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 2:15-24 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 11:13-24 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 25:14-30 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 102; 133	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 3:1-13 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 11:25-36 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 25:31-46 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 1; 33	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 97; 147:12-20 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 3:14-4:7 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 12:1-8 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 26:1-16 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 16; 62	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 51; 148 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 12:9-21 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 26:17-25 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 142; 65	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 104; 149 <i>1st Read:</i> Joshua 6:1-14 <i>2nd Read:</i> Romans 13:1-7 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 26:26-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 138; 98

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

July 15, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'Brother James's Air'" Searle Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

By request

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it! From the east to the west, from the north to the south, God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

People: From the east to the west, from the north to the south, we gather together, united by God's Spirit, to celebrate God's glory and proclaim His praise!

ALL: Let's worship God together.

***HYMN 473** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Minister: Lord we see the world around us in decay, and we see the darkness in our own hearts.

People: We long for a day when your light casts out all darkness; when death is truly crushed forever, when evil is punished and justice reigns.

Minister: As we live our lives in this fallen world, help us see past all the suffering around us. Cast out our fear, that we may be given the courage to become witnesses of your resurrection power of forgiveness.

ALL: Saved from fear, turn us instead toward mercy's power in the lives of those who still suffer, especially when it means we ourselves may suffer as a result. Strengthen us, as you did Jesus, in the face of John's murderers, to forgive and love our persecutors. *(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 "Holy Spirit, Come and Fill Us" Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marcia Graybeal

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24:1-10 (Bible, OT p. 502)

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Mark 6:14-29 (Bible, NT p. 40)

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SERMON "Chin Up, O Faithful Ones!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** (insert) "When Trials Come" Keith and Kristyn Getty, 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 "Air from Water Music" 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 2149** "Living for Jesus" LIVING FOR JESUS

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Processional" William Mathias

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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 Sherry Shifflett
CLASS OF 2019	USHERS: Eric McKnight Margaret Griffin
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