

**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).]

**July 9**

**Joys:** Kevin (Jill and Roger)

**Concerns:** Seth (Sherry), Rhonda (Linda), C.J. (Cheryl), Betty (Chris), Linda (Rev. Ellen)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, July 16**

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 Fellowship Hall and Pavilion

**Monday, July 17**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, July 18**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, July 19**

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

**Saturday, July 22**

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – KAPM Hotdog & Hamburger Meal at Second, PC Kannapolis

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, July 23**

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 Fellowship Hall and Pavilion

**Monday, July 24**

5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School

**Tuesday, July 25**

5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, July 26**

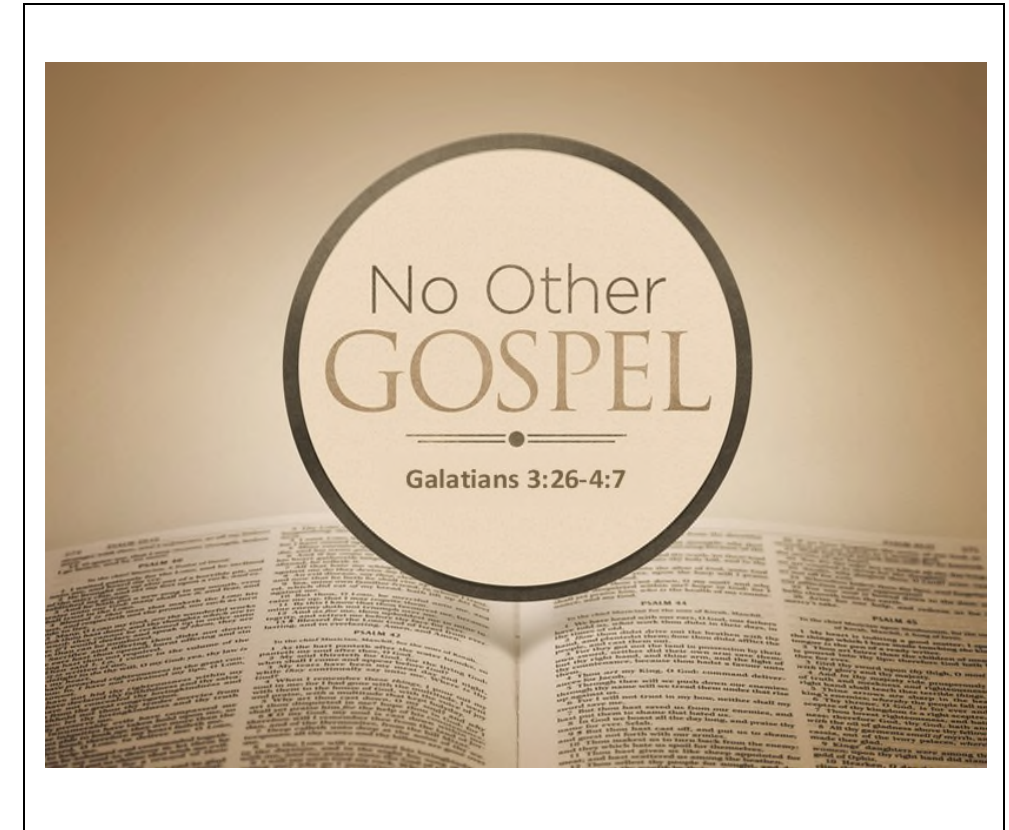
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm  
 5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School

**Thursday, July 27**

5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 – 8:00 PM – Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 30**

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 AM – Sunday School  
 9:55 AM – Fifth Sunday Worship Service in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 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 and Pavilion



**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**July 16, 2017**

**“A family of faith yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”**



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**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, July 16	Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 18	Wednesday, July 19	Thursday, July 20	Friday, July 21	Saturday, July 22
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 17:50-18:4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 10:4-17 Gospel: Mt. 23:29-39 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam. 18:5-16 (17-27a) 27b-30 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 11:19-30 Gospel: Mark 1:29-45 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam. 19:1-18 (19-24) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 12:1-17 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 20:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 12:18-25 Gospel: Mark 2:13-22 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam. 20:24-42 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 13:1-12 Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam. 21:1-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 13:13-25 Gospel: Mark 3:7-19a Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam. 22:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 13:26-43 Gospel: Mark 3:19b-35 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

*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. 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!*

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

July 16, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Choral No. 1 in E Major" Cesar Franck

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: *As Children of God we have come to worship and adore our Father in heaven.*

Men: **As brothers and sisters in Christ we have come to acknowledge our place in the family of God**

Women: **Alive to the reality of salvation, by the work of the Holy Spirit, we realize that it is only in our worship of God, willing servants by grace, that every day, all day long, that we find our hope and our purpose in life by serving our God.**

ALL: **Children of God, at home in God's justifying grace, let us join together in our greatest joy – worshipping God!**

**\*HYMN 477** "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Marcia Graybeal

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 2 Kings 5:13-15 (Bible, OT p. 336)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Galatians 3:26-4:7 (Bible, NT p. 189)  
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**SERMON** "Let me Be Your Servant?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON  
(verses 1, 3, 5)

**\*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 "Preamble" 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 525** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Allegro assai Vivace" from Sonata I Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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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> Paula Myers
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Curtis Gibson Margaret Griffin
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