

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

June 25

Joys: Thanksgiving: Bridal Showers/Baby Showers (Rev. Ellen), Martha (Ellen), Calvin/Madison

Concerns: Diane (Ed & Cheryl), Family of J.C. (Fred), Linda (Fred), Janice

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, July 2

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
 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
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

Monday, July 3

2:00 PM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day - Church office closed

Wednesday, July 5

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm

Saturday, July 8

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Private Event at BPC Facilities

Sunday, July 9

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 Fellowship Hall and Pavilion
 4:00 PM – Girl Scouts set up for Day Camp

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, July 10 – Friday, July 14

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM – Girl Scout Day Camp at BPC Facilities

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:00 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group meet at El Amigo’s to eat out
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, July 12

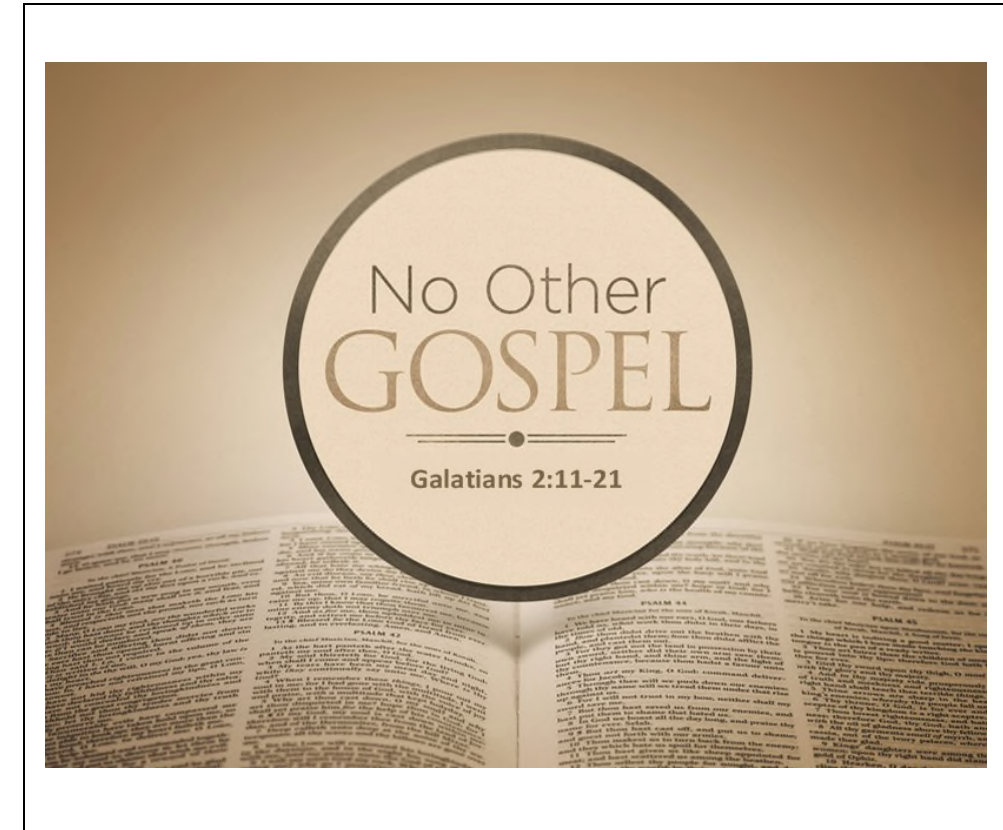
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm
 6:30 PM – Choir

Friday, July 14

6:00 PM – Girl Scout Sleepover in BPC Fellowship Hall (ending at Noon on Saturday, July 15)

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

July 2, 2017

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

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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 2	Monday, July 3	Tuesday, July 4	Wednesday, July 5	Thursday, July 6	Friday, July 7	Saturday, July 8
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 10:1-16 2 nd Reading: Rom. 4:13-25 Gospel: Mt. 21:23-32 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 10:17-27 2 nd Reading: Acts 7:44-8:1a Gospel: Luke 22:52-62 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 11:1-15 2 nd Reading: Acts 8:1b-13 Gospel: Luke 22:63-71 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 12:1-6 (7-15) 16-25 2 nd Reading: Acts 8:14-25 Gospel: Luke 23:1-12 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Ps. 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 13:5-18 2 nd Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Gospel: Luke 23:13-25 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15 2 nd Reading: Acts 9:1-9 Gospel: Luke 23:26-31 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 14:16-30 2 nd Reading: Acts 9:10-19a Gospel: Luke 23:32-43 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 2, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

By Rev. Adam Hood

God our Father, Creator of all, in these few moments of worship, we come to you with the words and works, the desires, and hopes, and fears, that dominate our everyday lives. We come to give thanks in all things; to seek new perspective, to find new strength.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, help us today to find our hearts burning — with a fiery love and devotion to you, so that, kneeling at your feet, we hear the tender whisper of your call.

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God, open our minds to learn from Christ, that in listening we might hear, and in hearing we might respond, as he invites us, to come, die to ourselves and so live. Amen.

PRELUDE *“Sleepers, Wake, a Voice is Calling”*

J.S. Bach, Arr. by Virgil Fox

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: God forbid that I should boast of anything

Congregation: but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister: In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;

Congregation: by him we are redeemed and set free.

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us,

ALL: and make his face shine upon us as we now come to worship God!

***CONFESSION** (see insert) *“Merciful God”*

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

(verse 1: Minister, verse 2: Choir, verse 3: ALL)

(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

“The Peace of God”

John Rutter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heather Kirkman

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 21:1-5; 7b-10 ([Bible](#), OT p. 328)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 2:11-21 ([Bible](#), NT p. 188)

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

SERMON

“Only One Good Reason”

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 379**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SOLID ROCK

***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
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory

“Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”

J.S. Bach

*Doxology 592

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 564**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

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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 Paula Myers
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS Curtis Gibson Margaret Griffin
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Heather Kirkman
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	On Call: Linda VanPelt, Peggy Overcash, Rhonda Jones, Leslie Gibson
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Jill Hamilton Teresa Kincaid