

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, July 31

1,000 Can Challenge ends!

Tuesday, August 1

School Supplies Collection begins!
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, August 2

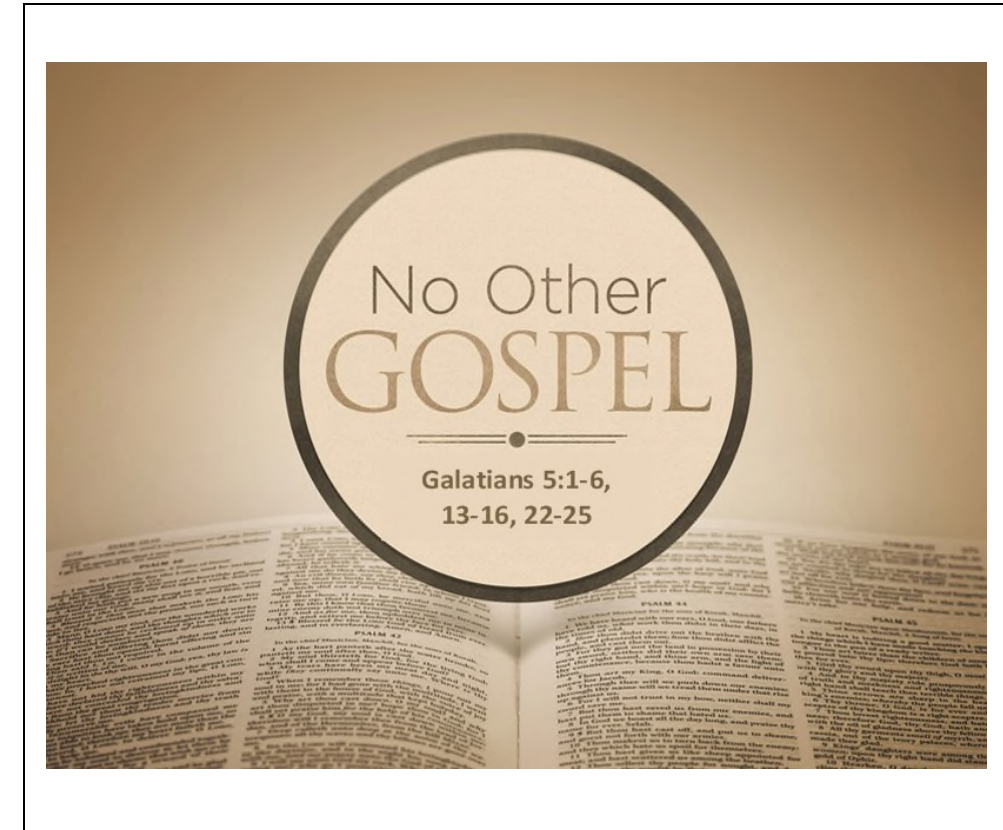
10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study - Session Rm
 6:30 – Choir

Thur, August 3 – Wed, August 9

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

Sunday, August 6

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

July 23, 2017

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 23	Monday, July 24	Tuesday, July 25	Wednesday, July 26	Thursday, July 27	Friday, July 28	Saturday, July 29
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 23:7-18 2 nd Reading: Romans 11:33-12:2 Gospel: Mt. 25:14-30 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 24:1-22 2 nd Reading: Acts 13:44-52 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 25:1-22 2 nd Reading: Acts 14:1-18 Gospel: Mark 4:21-34 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 25:23-44 2 nd Reading: Acts 14:19-28 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 1 Samuel 28:3-20 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:1-11 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 st Reading: 1 Sam. 31:1-13 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:12-21 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1-16 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:22-35 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

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
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Adapted from the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Dear Lord, our faith looks up to you, dear Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Hear us as we pray, take all our guilt away. O let us
from today be wholly Christ's. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Adagio for Strings"

Samuel Barber, Arr. by William Strickland

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

Congregation: We gather, alive to the Word of God.

*Minister: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant, ready to listen
and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.*

Congregation: We listen, alive to the Word of God.

*Minister: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom,
sometimes startling and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but
always dwelling among us.*

ALL: We watch and wait for the Word of God.

***HYMN 2236**

"Gather Us In"

GATHER US IN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a
people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to
miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have
preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the
joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a
living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive
us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive
your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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

Hannah Jackson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:1-2, 9-14 (Bible, OT p. 332)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:1-6, 13-16, 22-25 (Bible, NT p. 190)

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SERMON

"Keep Your Eye on It!"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 326**

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

***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

"Vitrail"

Henry Mulet

*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 2220**

"We Are God's People"

SYMPHONY

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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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.
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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
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