

**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).]

**August 6**

**Concerns:** Janice

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, August 13**

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

**Monday, August 14**

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

**Tuesday, August 15**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 PM – Audio/Video System Training

**Wednesday, August 16**

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

**Saturday, August 19**

9:00 AM – Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at BPC

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 20**

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, August 21**

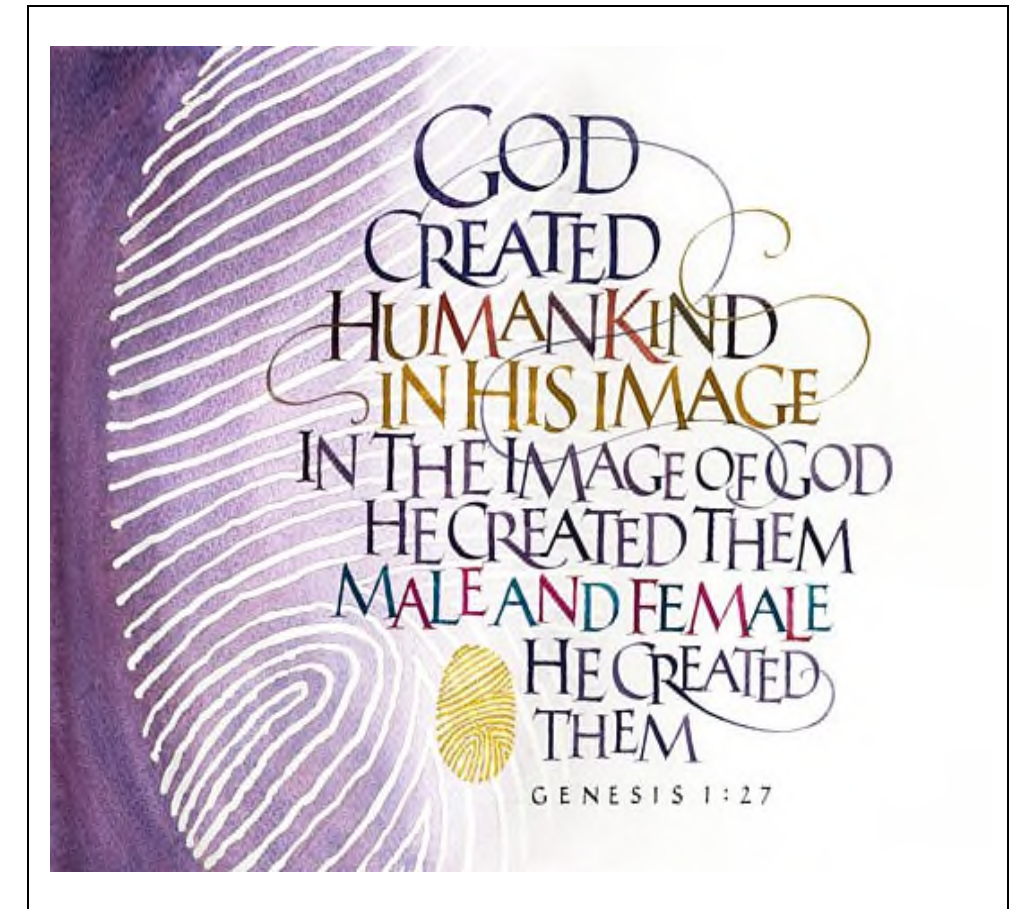
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Wednesday, August 23**

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

**Sunday, August 27**

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  
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**August 13, 2017**

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



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**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, August 13	Monday, August 14	Tuesday, August 15	Wednesday, August 16	Thursday, August 17	Friday, August 18	Saturday, August 19
Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Sam. 13:1-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rom. 15:1-13 Gospel: John 3:22-36 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 13:23-39 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 20:17-38 Gospel: Mark 9:42-50 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Sam. 14:1-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 21:1-14 Gospel: Mark 10:1-16 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Sam. 14:21-33 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 21:15-26 Gospel: Mark 10:17-31 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 15:1-18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 21:27-36 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 15:19-37 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 21:37-22:16 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Sam. 16:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 22:17-29 Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 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  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 13, 2017

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We gather in awe of you, O God, as we come to worship you this day. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own. By one Word the heavens were made, Your loving Spirit filling the void as life sprang forth, so that fallen men and women might be re-created through your cross of mercy into new life in your kingdom. As we worship, hear our voices as a fanfares of praise, may our hearts and minds be filled with the sweet truth of your Word and going out, gather our lives as an endless offering to you. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Adagio in A Minor" J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Congregation: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what is man or women that you are mindful of them.**

Leader: Yet you have made them little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

**Congregation: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

ALL: Male and female, image bearers alike . . . let us worship God!

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

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, when we are put to the test we do not quickly respond, if called upon to decide, we lack the courage of faith. Confessing commitment, we confuse your will with our own. Seeking security, we turn to devices that we control. Your voice comes from heaven to chasten and discipline. Your commandments Jesus proclaimed as the course we should take. Forgive us when we deviate from the truth you deliver, and increase our trust in you. 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** Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:26-27; 31 (Bible, OT p. 1)

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 3:1-5, 6b-7, 9-13, 15-19 (Bible, OT p. 2)

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**SERMON** "Our Story: the Good, (Very Good) the Bad and the Ugly" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*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.**

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

**THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory "O God, Thou Faithful God" Johannes Brahms  
\*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** (insert) "Creation Sings the Father's Song" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "From Heaven to Earth I Come" Fugue J.S. 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.

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
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Dougie Kirkman Sandy Gaskey
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	Jean Brown
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2020</b>	Sherry Childers Jacob Smith
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
	No Children's Worship