

**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 12**

**Joys:** Christel (Family & Friends)

**Concerns:** Family of Katie Geneva Cannon (Rev. Ellen), Children hurt by bus overturn in NJ (Janice), Walter's sister (Fred), Nancy (Glenda), Patty (Sherri), Sissy (Sherri)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, August 19**

School Supplies Collection  
 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, August 20**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Wednesday, August 22**

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 26**

School Supplies Collection  
 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

**Tuesday, August 28**

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, August 29**

10:00 AM – Mary's Bible Study– Session Rm

**Sunday, September 2**

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
 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  
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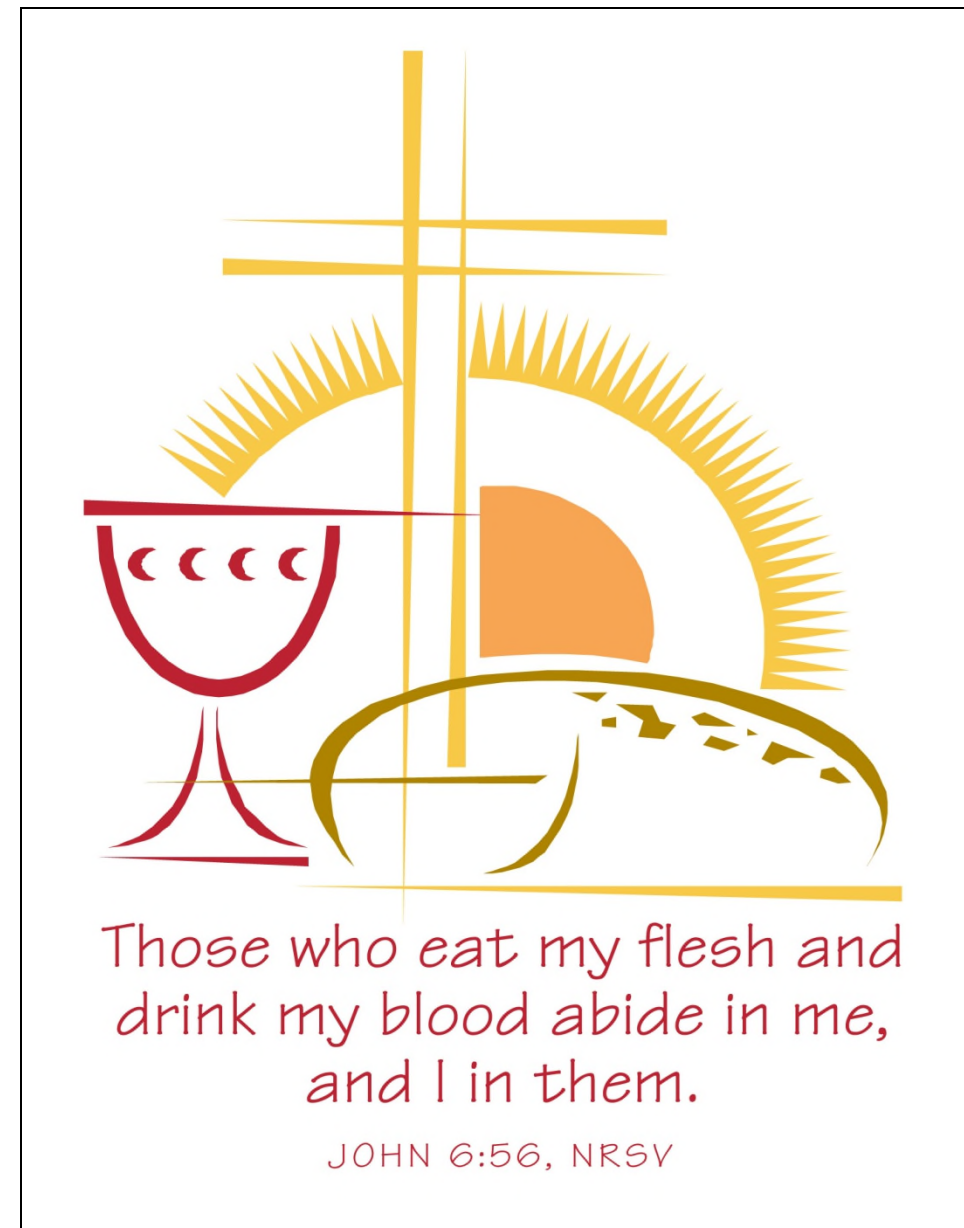


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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
 August 19, 2018

**“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, August 19	Monday, August 20	Tuesday, August 21	Wednesday, August 22	Thursday, August 23	Friday, August 24	Saturday, August 25
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Judges 16:15-31 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Cor. 13:1-11 Gospel: Mark 5:25-34 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Judges 17:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 7:44-8:1a Gospel: John 5:19-29 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Judges 18:1-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 8:1-13 Gospel: John 5:30-47 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Judges 18:16-31 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 8:14-25 Gospel: John 6:1-15 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Job 1:1-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 8:26-40 Gospel: John 6:16-27 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Job 2:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 9:1-9 Gospel: John 6:27-40 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Read: Job 3:1-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Read: Acts 9:10-19a Gospel: John 6:41-51 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

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

August 19, 2018

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Processional" William Mathias

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: *I will bless the lord at all times—praise will continually be in my mouth.*

People: **Our souls rejoice in the Lord; let the humble hear it and rejoice.**

Minister: *Come, glorify our God with me.*

People: **Let's exalt and worship God's name together!**

**\*HYMN 339** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) Rev. Chip Harwick

Lord Jesus Christ, We call you Lord,  
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.  
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.

You tell us we cannot serve two masters,  
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,  
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away  
from you.

Forgive us, gracious Savior,  
When our hearts are led astray  
When we serve other gods and worship them. *(Please, take a moment to confess the things that you turn to in times of joy or sorrow before you turn to God.)*

We turn away from our distractions and sin.  
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,  
To take up our cross and follow you.

We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.

**\*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** "An Instrument of Thy Peace"

Words by St. Francis of Assisi, Music by J. Jerome Williams  
guest tenor, Rev. Ernest Gardner

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Connie Goodman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Kings 3:3-14 ([Bible](#), OT p. 305)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** John 6:51-58 ([Bible](#), NT p. 98)  
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**SERMON** "First Choices" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert) "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Mark Rice

**\*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 "What Wondrous Love is This" Paul Manz  
\*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 543** (vv. 1, 3, 4) "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Praeludium in G Major" 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.

**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](http://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> Christel Josey
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>USHERS:</b> Gary Barham Amy Ritchie
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	<b>LECTOR</b> Connie Goodman
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