

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

August 13

Concerns: Courtney (Sherry), Janice (Nurture), Anthony & Darrell (Nurture), Aubrey (Nurture), Carla & Tommy (Nurture), Lisa (Diane), Parents & Young Adults (Nurture), Aubrey (Diane), Charlottesville VA (Jean)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall and Pavilion

Wednesday, August 30

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

Friday, September 1

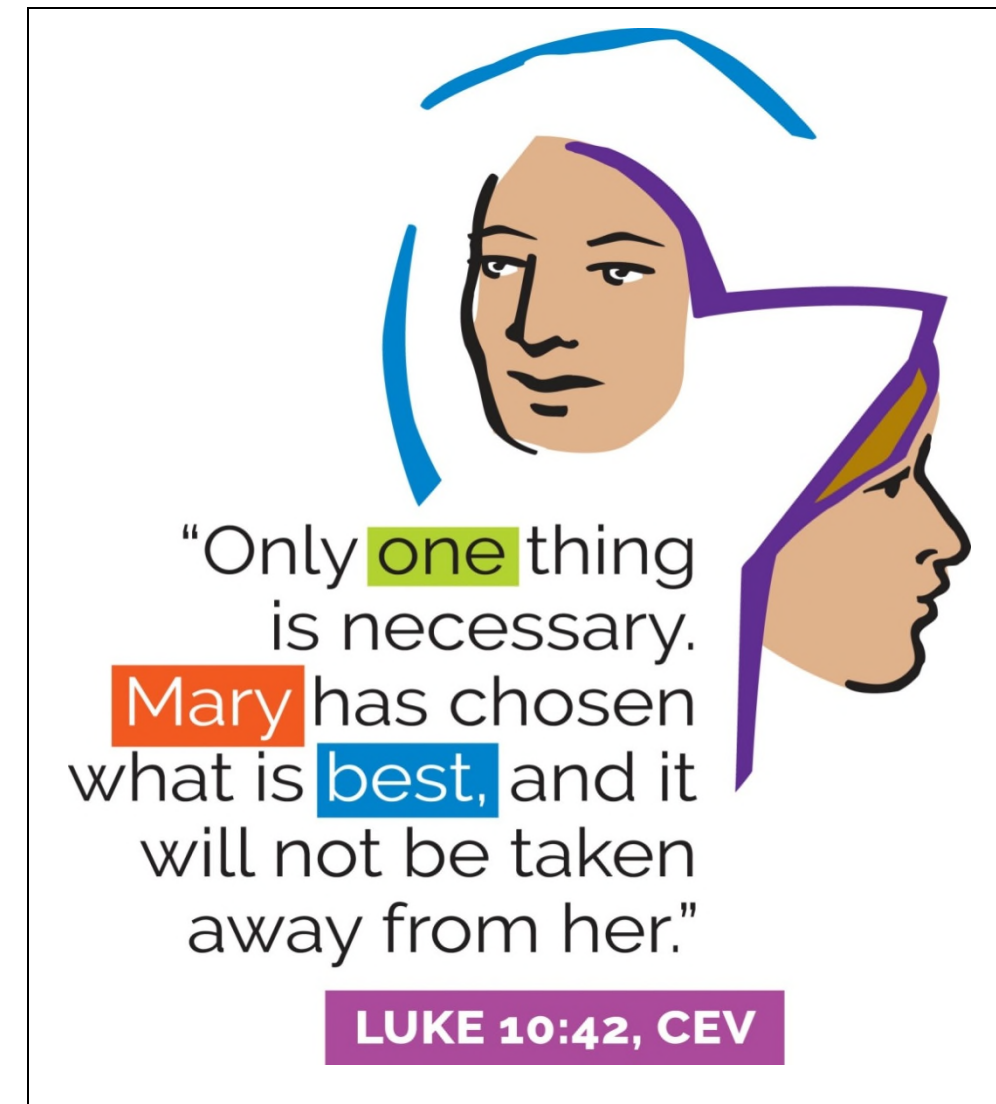
11:00 AM – Set up for Saturday Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 2

4:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 3

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!

August 20, 2017

“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. 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 20	Monday, August 21	Tuesday, August 22	Wednesday, August 23	Thursday, August 24	Friday, August 25	Saturday, August 26
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 st Reading: 2 Sam. 17:1-23 2 nd Reading: Gal. 3:6-14 Gospel: John 5:30-47 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8 2 nd Reading: Acts 22:30-23:11 Gospel: Mark 11:12-26 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 st Reading: 2 Sam. 18:9-18 2 nd Reading: Acts 23:12-24 Gospel: Mark 11:27-12:12 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 2 Sam. 18:19-33 2 nd Reading: Acts 23:23-35 Gospel: Mark 12:13-27 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 19:1-23 2 nd Reading: Acts 24:1-23 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 19:24-43 2 nd Reading: Acts 24:24-25:12 Gospel: Mark 12:35-44 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 13-17 2 nd Reading: Acts 25:13-27 Gospel: Mark 13:1-13 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

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

August 20, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Here we are Lord! We come from the busy-ness of our daily lives, from the hubbub of our work and play, from the hue and cry of the world around us. We come to worship you. In this next hour, we long to meet you, to feel your presence surrounding us, enveloping us, loving us. We long to settle into silence, laying aside our worries and our cares, aware of your presence around us, before us, behind us, within us. We have come, Lord Jesus. We have come! AMEN.

PRELUDE "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations* Sir Edward Elgar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are "Martha's" Lord; trying to hide any impatience as we "try to make time" to sit and hear Jesus' Word. We are so "Cumbered," having so much to do, dear Savior.

Congregation: Yet, you tell us that the Mary's of life choose, "the better way". You tell us to be still; to know that you are God.

Leader: Help us to let go of the concerns of our life and gaze instead upon the Lord of Life Eternal.

Congregation: Sitting at your feet for the next hour, may we too hear the very Word-Made-Flesh, absorbing the "one thing" you call us to.

ALL: Together, Holy Spirit, let us truly worship God!

***HYMN 2025** "As the Deer" AS THE DEER

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the mirror we call scripture, O Word of God, we see ourselves for who we are and who we are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, and at the same time ignore our failings. We speak words of judgment that eat away the vitality of our family and friends. We step over the poor of spirit, or the slim of purse, on our way to get more peace or more prosperity. How often are we ignorant of their needs, to say nothing of their dreams? Father in Heaven, by not seeing them do we miss your very presence as well? *(Please, take a moment for silent confession.)*

Forgive us, Reconciling Spirit. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we too may learn anew the balanced life of Word AND Sabbath rest you intend for us. Enable us to set aside our grudges, offering the gift of time and presence to neighbor and enemy alike. As we learn the art of laying aside our hurts, may others experience the wonder of Christ's generous grace? May the world, then feel God's welcoming presence, experience the peace of Christ's grace, and know the fellowship of His Spirit, which passes all understanding. 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 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" Carl F. Mueller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:38-42 (Bible, NT p. 72)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Choosing that Good Part: The One Thing"
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 344** "Christ of the Upward Way" SURSUM CORDA

***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.

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 "Aria" J.S. Bach
*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 339** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** from "Sonata 1" 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.

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Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Cheryl Kusper
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