

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 20

Concerns: Asia (Mark)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Church office closed
 2:00 PM – Nurture Committee
 6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, September 5

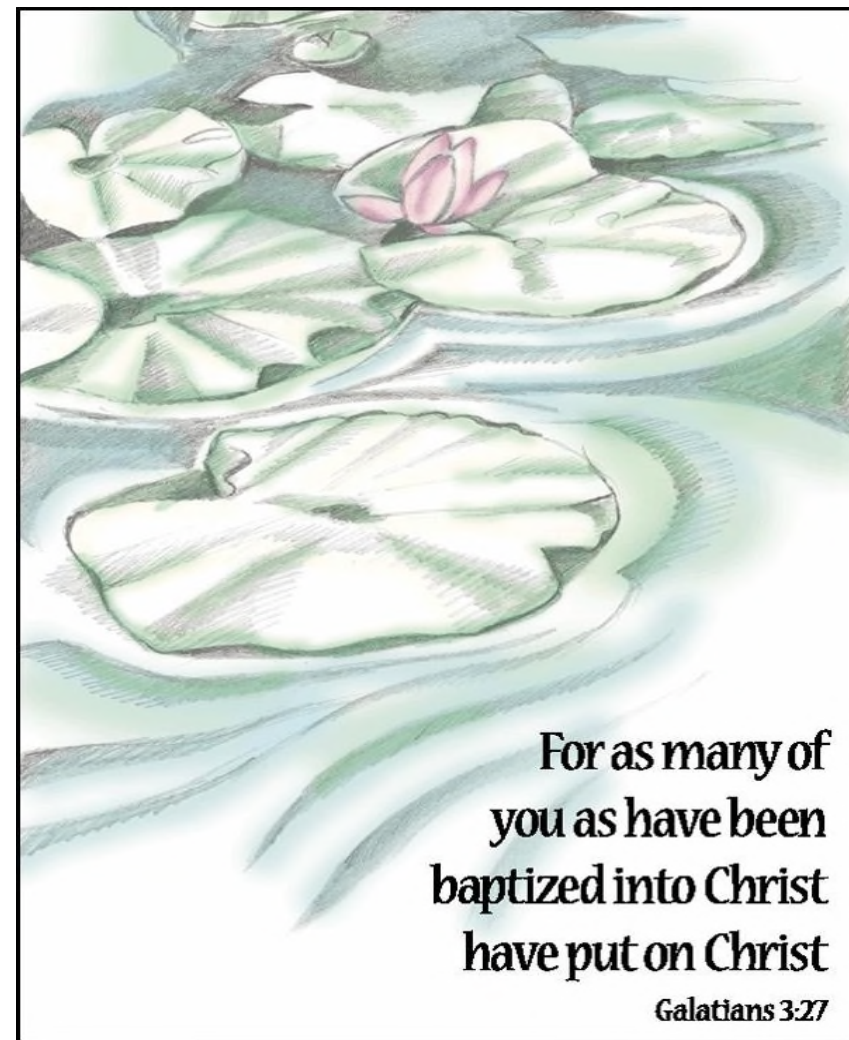
6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 10

School Supplies Collection ends!
 8:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting in BPC Fellowship Hall
 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
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall



**For as many of
 you as have been
 baptized into Christ
 have put on Christ**

Galatians 3:27

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

August 27, 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 27	Monday, August 28	Tuesday, August 29	Wednesday, August 30	Thursday, August 31	Friday, September 1	Saturday, September 2
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: 2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25 2 nd Reading: Gal. 3:23-4:7 Gospel: John 8:12-20 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 1:(1-4) 5-31 2 nd Reading: Acts 26:1-23 Gospel: Mark 13:14-27 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 1:32-2:4 (5-46a) 46b 2 nd Reading: Acts 26:24-27:8 Gospel: Mark 13:28-37 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 3:1-15 2 nd Reading: Acts 27:9-26 Gospel: Mark 14:1-11 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Ps. 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 3:16-28 2 nd Reading: Acts 27:27-44 Gospel: Mark 14:12-26 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 6:7 2 nd Reading: Acts 28:1-16 Gospel: Mark 14:27-42 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 2 nd Reading: Acts 28:17-31 Gospel: Mark 14:43-52 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

August 27, 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 Psalm 19

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

PRELUDE "Prelude dedicated to Camille Saint-Saens" Cesar Franck

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: *We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

Congregation: We will be glad and exult in you;

ALL: we will sing praise to your name, O Most High as we come to worship God.

***HYMN 2022** "Great Is the Lord" GREAT IS THE LORD

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. 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

ANTHEM "Contemplative Spiritual" Donald Moore

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kim & Leslie Gibson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joel 2:28-32 (Bible, OT p. 848)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 16:13-15, 40 (Bible, NT p. 136)
Galatians 3:23-29 (Bible, NT p. 189)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Jesus Christ changes everything!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 2223** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" ST BRENDAN'S

***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 "Chant Funebre" 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 2130** "The Summons" KELVINGROVE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Finale from Concerto in D Minor"
J.S. Bach's transcription of a violin Concerto by A. Vivaldi

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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 Cheryl Kusper
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS Dougie Kirkman Sandy Gaskey
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Kim & Leslie Gibson
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Susan Smith Brandi Lackey
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Sandra Cox Richie Goodman