

**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).]

**September 9**

**Joys:** Rev. Ellen, Hannah & Marcia (Dennis)

**Concerns:** Darrell & Family (Dennis), Ezekiel (Sherri), Sissy (Sherri), Hurricane Florence to go away (Roger)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, September 16**

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, September 17**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Wednesday, September 19**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm  
 6:00 PM – Wednesday Night Planning Potluck in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, September 20**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, September 23**

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, September 25**

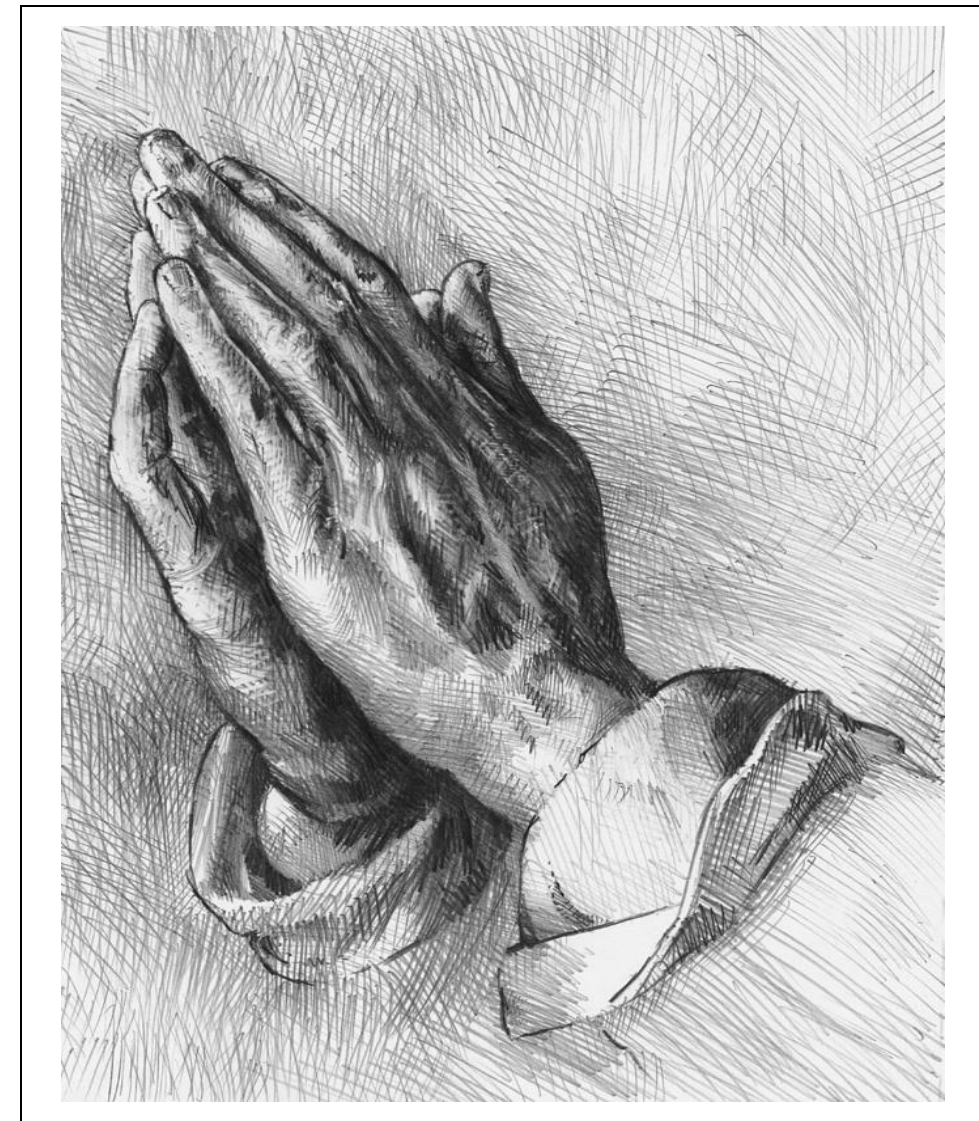
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, September 26**

10:00 AM – Mary’s Bible Study– Session Rm  
 7:00 PM – Choir

**Sunday, September 30**

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  
 11:15 AM – Congregational Lunch in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
 September 16, 2018

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

**DAILY LECTIONARY**

Sunday, September 16	Monday, September 17	Tuesday, September 18	Wednesday, September 19	Thursday, September 20	Friday, September 21	Saturday, September 22
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 19; 150 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Job 38:1, 18-41 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Rev. 18:1-8 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 5:21-26 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 81; 113	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 135; 145 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Job 40:1-24 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 15:36-16:5 <i>Gospel:</i> John 11:55-12:8 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 97; 112	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 123; 146 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Job 40:1, 41:1-11 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 16:6-15 <i>Gospel:</i> John 12:9-19 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 30; 86	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 15; 147:1-11 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Job 42:1-17 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 16:16-24 <i>Gospel:</i> John 12:20-26 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 48; 4	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 36; 147:12-20 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Job 28:1-28 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 16:25-40 <i>Gospel:</i> John 12:27-36a <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 27	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 130; 148 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Esther 1:1-4, 10-19 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 17:1-15 <i>Gospel:</i> John 12:36b-43 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 32; 139	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 56; 149 <i>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</i> Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Read:</i> Acts 17:16-34 <i>Gospel:</i> John 12:44-50 <i>Evening:</i> 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. 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018 9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**PRELUDE** "Fantasia and Prelude in G Major" J.S. Bach

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

**\*HYMN 276** (v.1) "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Minister:* Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

**People:** Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

*Minister:* Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

**People:** To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Come let us Worship God!

**\*HYMN 304** "Jesus Loves Me!" JESUS LOVES ME

**\*HYMN** (insert) "Holy Spirit" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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** "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 86:1-4 (Bible, OT p. 544)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE** Mark 9:14-29 (Bible, NT p. 44)

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**SERMON** "Only through Prayer" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 392** (v. 1, 3, 4) "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

**\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH**

*Minister:* What do we believe concerning the "holy catholic church"?

**People:** That, out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, the Son of God, by His Spirit and Word, gathers, defends and preserves for Himself to everlasting life a chosen communion in the unity of the true faith; and that I am and forever shall remain a living member of it.

**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 "Sanctify us by thy Goodness" J.S. Bach

\*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDETH

**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 2161** "To Know you More" TO KNOW YOU MORE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

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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>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Carrie Paxton
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	<b>USHERS:</b> Larry and Nelda Riggs
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i>	<b>LECTOR</b> Jean Brown
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