

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

September 10

Joys: Ernest (Rev. Ellen)

Concerns: Heather (Hannah), Flo (Janice)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, September 17

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 Pavilion
 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Bridal Shower for Amber Barton in BPC Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 18

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

5:30 – 8:30 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

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 24

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 – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 26

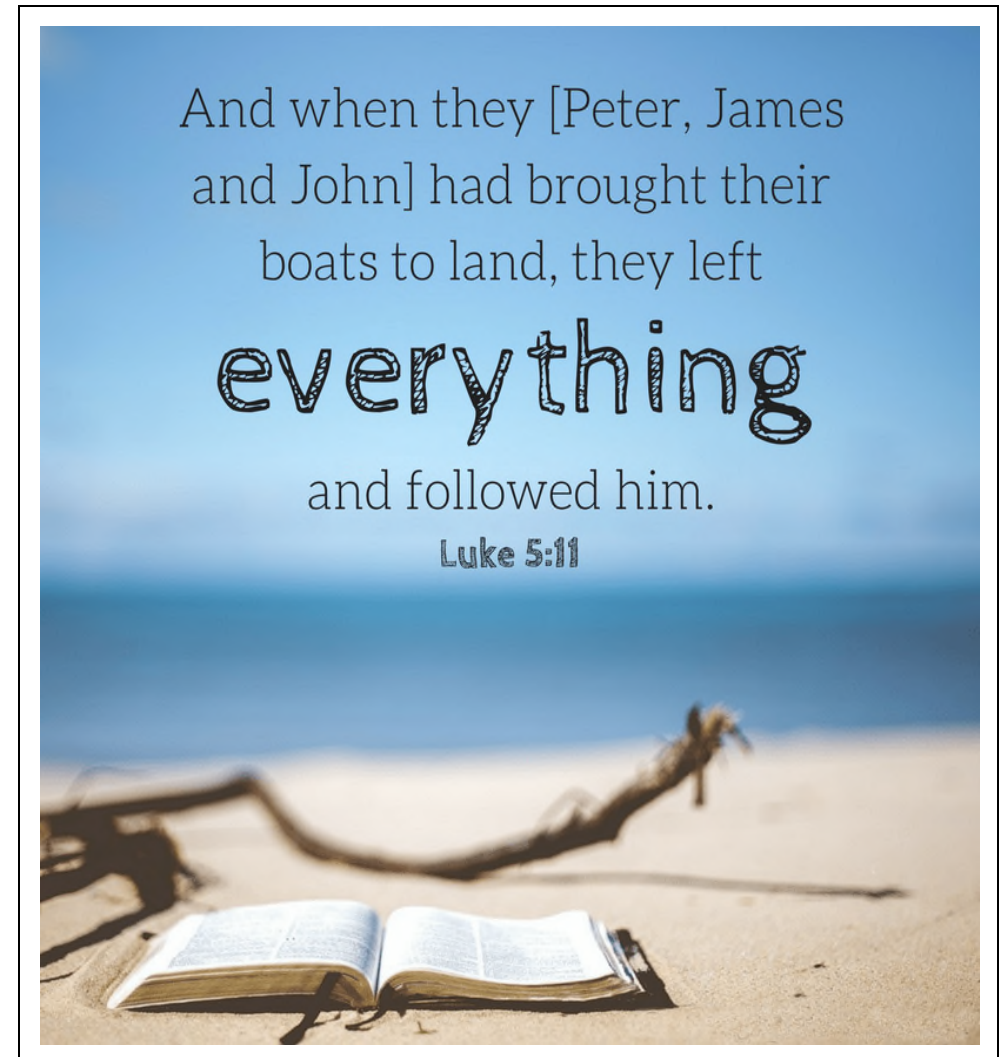
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 27

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

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday
 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 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 & Pavilion
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons



And when they [Peter, James and John] had brought their boats to land, they left

everything

and followed him.

Luke 5:11

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 17, 2017

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, September 17	Monday, September 18	Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20	Thursday, September 21	Friday, September 22	Saturday, September 23
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 19:8-21 2 nd Reading: Acts 5:34-42 Gospel: John 11:45-57 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-16 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 21:17-29 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 22:1-28 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-25 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 22:29-45 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 1:2-17 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5:11-16 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-18 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20 Evening: 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. 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
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

William Gadsby

O Lord, thy Spirit's aid impart, And fill me with devotion's fire;
Create anew my waiting heart, And heavenly breathings there
inspire; Bid heart and flesh cry out for thee, And thou my joyful
portion be! AMEN.

PRELUDE

"Marche Religieuse"

Leon Boellmann

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN 2164**

"Sanctuary"

SANCTUARY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Minister: O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Congregation: After all, through your Spirit, we are promised that we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

Minister: Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of what it means to put down our nets and follow you. Clear our vision of a clouded sense of purpose.

Congregation: For it is through your Spirit alone, that our sight is illuminated by your empowering love.

Minister: Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and seem to lose the courage to trust your perfect purpose for our future.

Congregation: Empowered through your Spirit's irresistible power, we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples.

ALL: Forgive us as we seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch our hearts now with your Spirit, Lord. Move our wills, now, with your Spirit. 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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 5:1-11 (Bible, NT p. 62)

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

SERMON

"You Don't have to See What Jesus Sees"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 525**

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

***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

"The Peace" from Royal Fireworks Music

G.F. Handel

*Doxology 592

OLD HUNDREDDTH

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)

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

AURELIA

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

"Allegro Maestoso" from Water Music Suite

G.F. Handel

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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 Christel Josey
CLASS OF 2018	USHERS Larry & Nelda Riggs
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CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
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