

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 26

Joys: Matthew (Rev. Ellen), John (Jean), Ernest (Rev. Ellen), Pianos moved (Sterling), Hamiltons (Jill), School starts/Teachers (Christel)

Concerns: Pat and Jack (Rev. Ellen), Schmidt Family (Rev. Ellen), Family of Sydney Cook (Jimmie and Frank), Rose (Janice), Walter and Linda (Fred), Jeremiah (Hannah)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

Monday, September 3

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

Tuesday, September 4

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

Wednesday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 8

9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 9

8:00 – 9:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting in BPC Fellowship Hall
8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship in BPC 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, Sept. 9 – Wed., Sept. 12

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner out of the office

Monday, September 10

7:00 PM – Gathering Time
7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, September 11

9:30 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
6:30 PM – Property Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
7:00 PM – Communications Committee

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

6:30 PM – Personnel Committee

Saturday, September 15

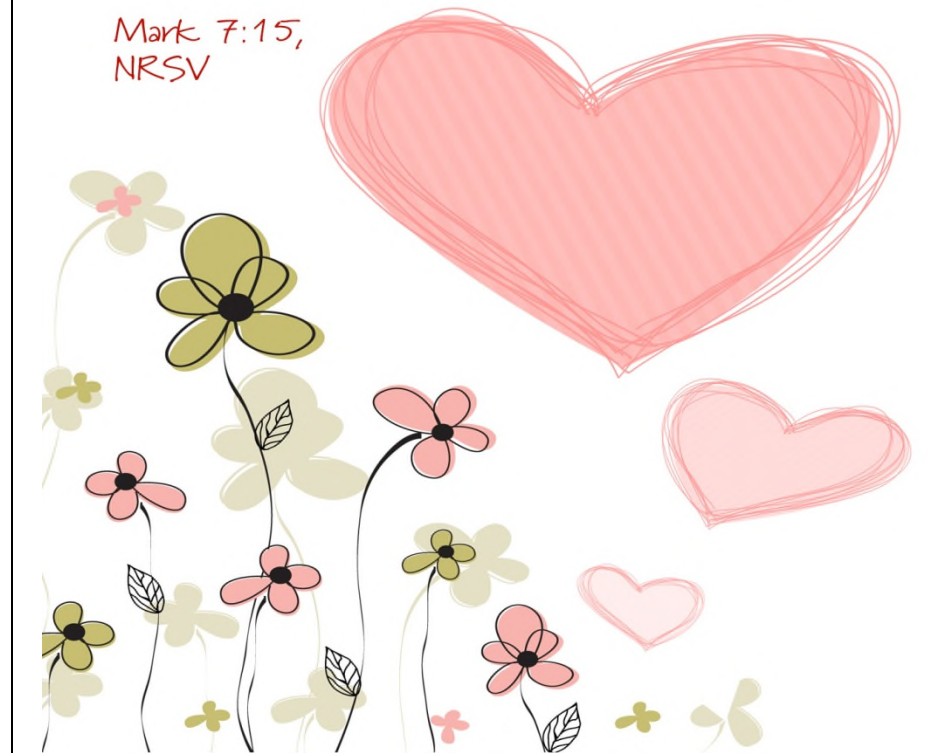
Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

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

There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15, NRSV



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 2, 2018

“A family of faith in Jesus Christ, 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!



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DAILY LECTIONARY

| Sunday, September 2 | Monday, September 3 | Tuesday, September 4 | Wednesday, September 5 | Thursday, September 6 | Friday, September 7 | Saturday, September 8 |
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| Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1 st Read: Job 11:1-9, 13-20 2 nd Read: Rev. 5:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 Evening: Psalms 66; 23 | Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 st Read: Job 12:1-6, 13-25 2 nd Read: Acts 11:19-30 Gospel: John 8:21-32 Evening: Psalms 73; 9 | Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 st Read: Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27 2 nd Read: Acts 12:1-17 Gospel: John 8:33-47 Evening: Psalms 36; 7 | Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Read: Job 12:1, 14:1-22 2 nd Read: Acts 12:18-25 Gospel: John 8:47-59 Evening: Psalms 132; 134 | Morning: Ps. 116; 147:12-20 1 st Read: Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 17:13-16 2 nd Read: Acts 13:1-12 Gospel: John 9:1-17 Evening: Psalms 26; 130 | Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 st Read: Job 19:1-7, 14-27 2 nd Read: Acts 13:13-25 Gospel: John 9:18-41 Evening: Psalms 25; 40 | Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Read: Job 22:1-4, 22:21-23:7 2 nd Read: Acts 13:26-43 Gospel: John 10:1-18 Evening: Psalms 125; 90 |

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

September 2, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE *“Allegro Maestoso e Vivace” movement from Sonata II*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 139** (v. 1) *“Come, Thou Almighty King”* ITALIAN HYMN

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: My heart overflows with a goodly theme

People: Our tongues are like the pens of ready scribes; praise and thanksgiving are the verse we sing in worship this day.

Minister: God has blessed us forever!

People: Jesus Christ's throne of grace endures forever and ever!

ALL: The Spirit has anointed us with the oil of gladness beyond all comprehension. Our hearts are made glad forever by His love—let us worship God.

***HYMN 430** *“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”* DARWALL'S 148TH

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Minister: Holy God,

People: We do not deserve to be in your dwelling place. We have not led a blameless life. We have not done what is right in your sight or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.

Minister: We have done evil to both those we love and to those we refuse to love as we should. We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these. We truly are debtors.

ALL: Hear our cry, God of our hope, as we confess that which weighs us down...

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

Minister: Debt paying God,

People: save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom. Gather us in your righteousness and pay the bill for our sins.

Minister: Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation.

ALL: Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Griffin

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 15 (Bible, OT p. 495)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Bible, NT p. 42)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *“Have you just scratched the Surface?”*
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 2161** *“To Know You More”* TO KNOW YOU MORE

***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 and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory *“Chorale”* William Mathias
*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** (insert) *“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”*
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Mark Rice

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* setting by Paul Manz

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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 |
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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 Carrie Paxton |
| CLASS OF 2019 | USHERS: Larry and Nelda Riggs |
| Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Property</i> | LECTOR Margaret Griffin |
| CLASS OF 2020 | CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only) |
| Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Personnel</i> | Rhonda Jones Brandi Lackey |
| CLASS OF 2021 | CHILDREN'S WORSHIP |
| Chris Ferguson, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i> Linda VanPelt, <i>Fellowship</i> | Christel Josey Heather Goodman |