

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 16

Joys: The Lyons Family (Brandi), Thanks for Sing! Conference and Dennis and Jimmie as worship leaders last week (Marcia)

Concerns: Lee (Sterling), Merlin (Vicki), Family of Margie Wagner (Jenny)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

Saturday, September 29

Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, October 1

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, October 2

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

Wednesday, October 3

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

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting

6:00 PM – Wednesday Night Study & Fellowship

6:30 PM – Youth Choir

7:00 PM – Choir

Sunday, October 7

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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 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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
September 23, 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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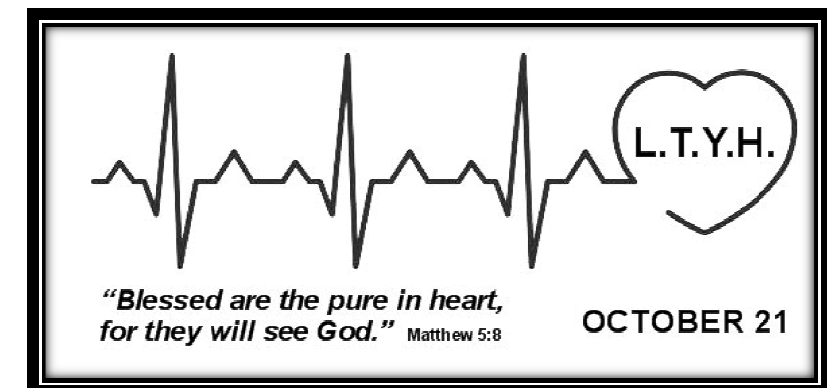
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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, September 23	Monday, September 24	Tuesday, September 25	Wednesday, September 26	Thursday, September 27	Friday, September 28	Saturday, September 29
Morning: Psalms 67; 150	Morning: Psalms 57; 145	Morning: Psalms 54; 146	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11	Morning: Psalms 143;	Morning: Psalms 88; 148	Morning: Psalms 122; 149
1 st Read: Esther 3:1-4:3	1 st Read: Esther 4:4-17	1 st Read: Esther 5:1-14	1 st Read: Esther 6:1-14	147:12-20	1 st Read: Esther 8:1-8, 15-17	1 st Read: Esther 9:1-32
2 nd Read: James 1:19-27	2 nd Read: Acts 18:1-11	2 nd Read: Acts 18:12-28	2 nd Read: Acts 19:1-10	1 st Read: Esther 7:1-10	2 nd Read: Acts 19:21-41	2 nd Read: Acts 20:1-16
Gospel: Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18	Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14	Gospel: Luke 3:15-22	Gospel: Luke 4:1-13	Gospel: Luke 4:14-30	Gospel: Luke 4:31-37	Gospel: Luke 4:38-44
Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Evening: Psalms 100; 63



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

September 23, 2018

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Priere a Notre Dame from Suite Gothique" Leon Boellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

SONG OF PREPARATION

***HYMN 387** (v. 1) "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Minister: Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

People: We want to see God. It is why we have come – to see, to be renewed, to know God's directing love.

Minister: In our worship may we dare to take back our hearts from the distractions of this world.

People: So that, giving them solely back to you, we will encounter the love that alone is real and lasting.

ALL: Reviving Lord, we come, just as we are, to worship God.

***HYMN 2025** "As the Deer" AS THE DEER
207 "How Lovely, Lord" MERLES' TUNE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God! And see beyond our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our wrong choices. See into our hearts and wash us clean as snow, for you are our only Savior and our only treasure. 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 "O Lord, My God, You Are My Refuge" J.S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sherry Shifflett

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 23:22-26 ([Bible](#), OT p. 605)

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

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:8 ([Bible](#), NT p. 4)

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SERMON "Listen to your heart: When He's Calling for You?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** (insert - vv. 1-3) "My Soul Longs for the Lord" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Graham Kendrick

***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

Stewardship Moment Diane Mullinax
Offertory "O, Rest in the Lord" from *Elijah*

*Doxology 592 Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
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 - vv. 4-5) "My Soul Longs for the Lord" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Graham Kendrick

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Partita on Duke Street" Attributed to John Hatton, d. 1793, Setting by Dr. Charles Callahan, Opus 56

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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> 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
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CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
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