

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 17

Joys: Ernest

Concerns: Alan & Christy Family (Nurture), Christy Family (Betty), Phil and Floyd & Frances (Amy), Bill (Amy), Eli (Marty)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Monday, October 2

6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, October 3

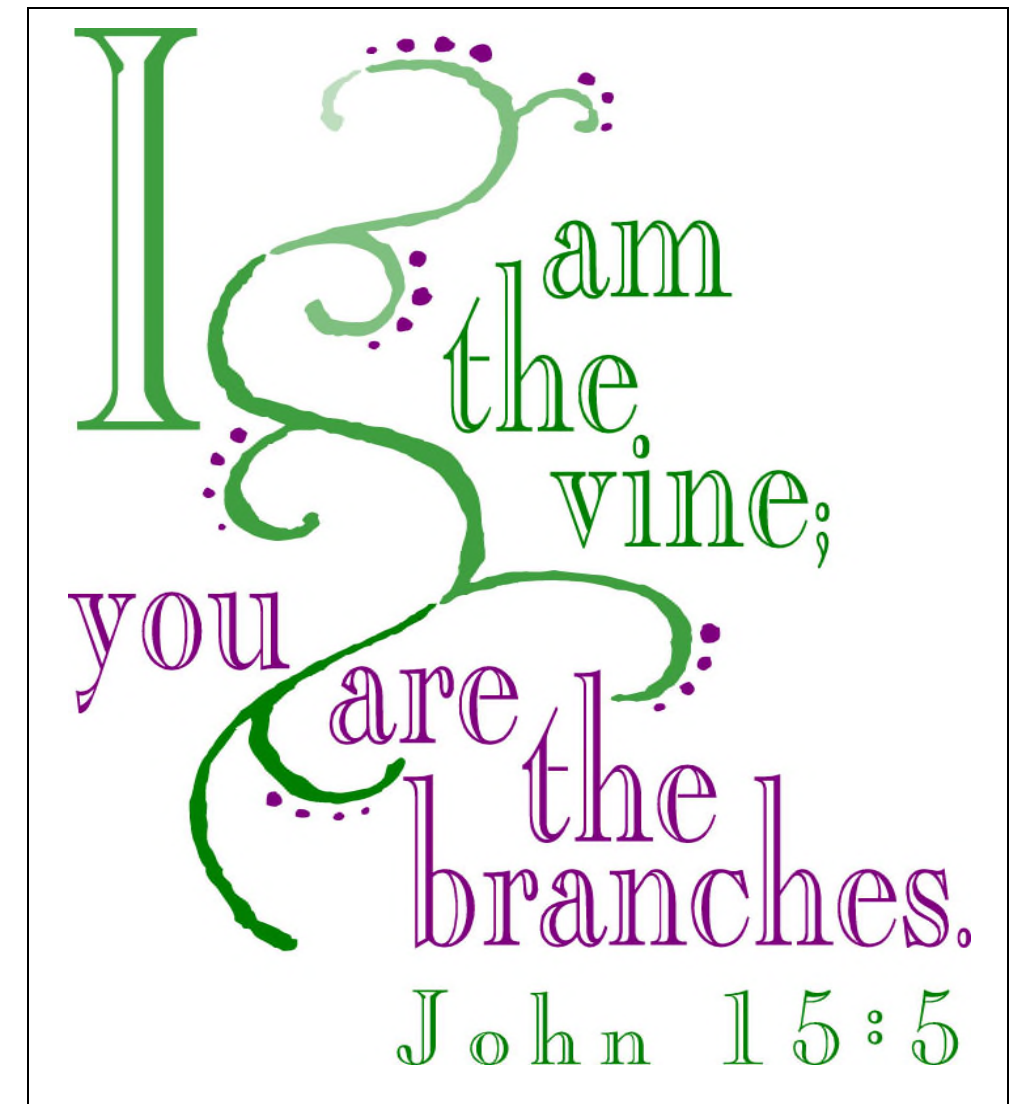
10:00 AM – Nurture Committee
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 8

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 & Pavilion
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 24, 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, September 24	Monday, September 25	Tuesday, September 26	Wednesday, September 27	Thursday, September 28	Friday, September 29	Saturday, September 30
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-37 2 nd Reading: Acts 9:10-31 Gospel: Luke 3:7-18 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-19 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 4:8-21 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-26 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 5:19-27 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 5:27-37 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 6:1-23 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 9:1-16 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel: Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 9:17-37 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: 2 Kings 11:1-20a 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

September 24, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)**

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Speak O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deed of faith. Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Amen.

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major" J.S. Bach

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 27

Minister: God has said, "Seek my face!"

Congregation: My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." Hide not your face from me.

ALL: Because of the Grace of Jesus Christ, we believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in this life, not just the next. So we wait for the Lord, in strength and courage; yes, we will wait on his mercy even as we, together, worship God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***HYMN 383** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET
(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 Sherry Childers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:35-39 (Bible, NT p. 35)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-11 (Bible, NT p. 109)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Apart from God . . . NADA!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 361** "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

***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 "Sicilienne" Maria Theresia von Paradis, transcribed by Dr. Charles Callahan
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Doxology 592
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 2129** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM
***HYMN** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata" Leon Boellmann

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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
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Brandi Lackey, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Sherry Childers
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Dougie Kirkman Leigh Ann Allen
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Cheryl Kusper Teresa Kincaid