

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 27

Joys: Reid & Linda (Carrie), Roger & Jill (Jill), Teachers – Students – Parents as school starts

Concerns: Chris (Marty), Danny (Amy), Lisa (Diane), Hurricane Victims

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, September 3

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
 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 and Pavilion
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxtons

Monday, September 4

Labor Day – Church office closed
 2:00 PM – Nurture Committee
 6:00 PM – Stewardship Committee

Tuesday, September 5

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

Wednesday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 10

School Supplies Collection ends!
 8:00 – 9:00 AM – KAPM Breakfast Meeting in BPC Fellowship Hall
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

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

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, September 13

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

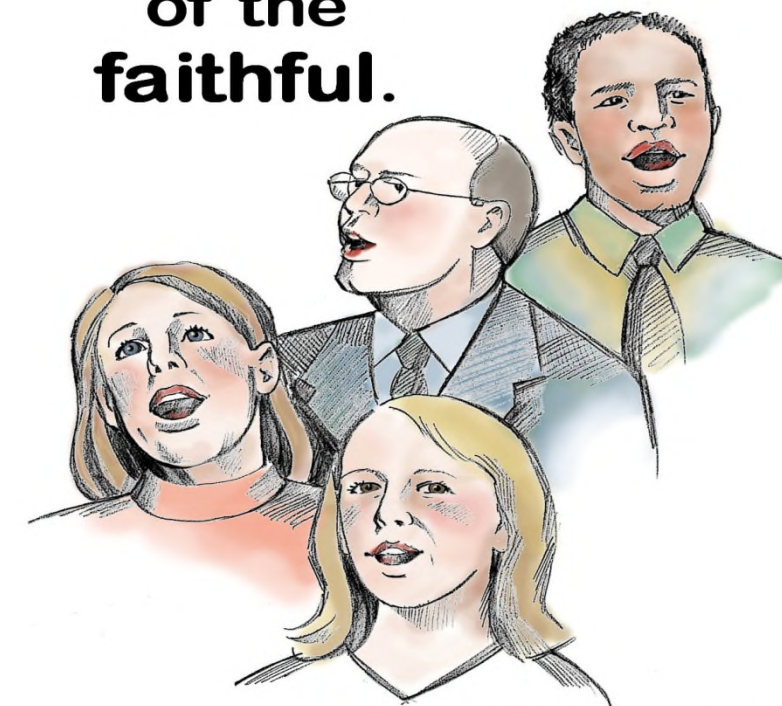
Saturday, September 16

1:00 PM – Set up for Private Event on Sunday in BPC Fellowship Hall

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
 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Pavilion
 5:30 PM – Financial Peace University in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sing . . . his praises in the assembly of the faithful.



Psalm 149:1

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 3, 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 3	Monday, September 4	Tuesday, September 5	Wednesday, September 6	Thursday, September 7	Friday, September 8	Saturday, September 9
Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30 (31-40) 2 nd Reading: 1 Timothy 4:7b-16 Gospel: John 8:47-59 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 st Reading: 2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7 2 nd Reading: James 2:1-13 Gospel: Mark 14:53-65 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 8:65-9:9 2 nd Reading: James 2:14-26 Gospel: Mark 14:66-72 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 9:24-10:13 2 nd Reading: James 3:1-12 Gospel: Mark 15:1-11 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Psalms 116; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 11:1-13 2 nd Reading: James 3:13-4:12 Gospel: Mark 15:12-21 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 11:26-43 2 nd Reading: James 4:13-5:6 Gospel: Mark 15:22-32 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Reading: 1 Kings 12:1-20 2 nd Reading: James 5:7-20 Gospel: Mark 15:33-39 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

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

September 3, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings"
tune by Michael Joncas, arr. by Dr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 149

Minister: *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a NEW song, his praise in the congregation of the faithful.*

Congregation: **Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

ALL: Let us exult in glory. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Minister: Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our voices to you in songs of praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice.

ALL: **Grant us the healing that comes from your Holy Spirit's presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Recreating Word, 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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" arr. by James H. Wood

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Griffin

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 149 (Bible, OT p. 583)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 16:25-33 (Bible, NT p. 136)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN SING**

***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 "Simple Gifts" Traditional tune, arr. by Virgil Fox
*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 289** "O God of Every Nation" LLANGLOFFAN

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Voluntary on This is the Feast"
Richard H. Hillert, arr. Dr. Charles Callahan

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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 Margaret Griffin
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Al Smith Cheryl Kusper
CLASS OF 2020	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Jean Brown, <i>Communications</i> Ed Kusper, <i>Stewardship</i> Madison Scarborough, <i>Fellowship</i>	Carrie Paxton Heather Goodman