

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, January 1
 Happy New Year!
 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 & Pavilion

Monday, January 2
 Church office closed
 11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, January 3
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group in the Session Room

Wednesday, January 4
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, January 8
 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 8 (continued)
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxton’s

Monday, January 9
 4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, January 10
 6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, January 11
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, January 12
 Annual Meeting Reports due to church office

Saturday, January 14
 9:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 15
 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
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Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

January 1, 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!

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, January 1	Monday, January 2	Tuesday, January 3	Wednesday, January 4	Thursday, January 5	Friday, January 6	Saturday, January 7
Morning: Psalms 98; 150 1 st Reading: Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12 2 nd Reading: Heb. 2:10-18 Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 Evening: Psalms 99; 8	Morning: Psalms 48; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 12:1-7 2 nd Reading: Heb. 11:1-12 Gospel: Jn. 6:35-42, 48-51 Evening: Psalms 9; 29	Morning: Psalms 111; 146 1 st Reading: Gen. 28:10-22 2 nd Reading: Heb. 11:13-22 Gospel: John 10:7-17 Evening: Psalms 107; 15	Morning: Ps. 20; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Exodus 3:1-5 2 nd Reading: Heb. 11:23-31 Gospel: John 14:6-14 Evening: Psalms 93; 97	Morning: Ps. 99; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Joshua 1:1-9 2 nd Reading: Heb. 11:32-12:2 Gospel: John 15:1-16 Evening: Psalms 96; 110	Morning: Psalms 72; 148 1 st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 2 nd Reading: Rev. 21:22-27 Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21 Evening: Psalms 100; 67	Morning: Ps. 46 or 97; 149 1 st Reading: Isaiah 52:3-6 2 nd Reading: Revelation 2:1-7 Gospel: John 2:1-11 Evening: Ps. 27; 93 or 114

The Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2017

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God is here! The Messiah has come! May our eyes be opened to see him and our hearts lifted to worship him on this first day of this new year. In our worship may we come and highly exalt the name of Jesus, our Savior and King. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!" *The Messiah* G.F. Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Lift up your hearts in prayer: lift up your voices in praise.

People: Let our eyes rise in expectation and our hands in exultation, for the Lord has drawn near and dwells among us.

ALL: We lift them up. Amen.

***HYMN 49** "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

God of love, all year long we are tempted to pursue power and money, yet you come in weakness. All Christmas season long we covet great material gifts, when you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of this Lord Jesus this year, the very one who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives in 2017, that we may witness your transforming love in our very presence. Through 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marcia Graybeal

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 8 ([Bible](#), OT p. 492)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:15-21 ([Bible](#), NT p. 58)

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

SERMON "Newness of Life" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 53** "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** (insert)

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 "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them" *The Messiah* 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 38** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" CAROL

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"
Henry V. Gerike, setting by David N. Johnson

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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 Jenny Linebarrier
CLASS OF 2017	USHERS Marty Paxton Glenda Kirkman
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2018	Marcia Graybeal
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2019	Linda VanPelt & Peggy Overcash
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Carrie Paxton