

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

April 3

Joys: Softball Team (Brandi Coley), Mike Iosue and Glenda Kirkman (Heather Kirkman), Amanda/Amy Ritchie (Amy Ritchie), A.J. (Susan Smith), Mission work of the church (Ed Kusper), Wedding in the spring - Brandi/Charlie (Brandi Coley)

Concerns: Rev. Ellen (Diane Mullinax), Shirley Smith (Kim Gibson), Elizabeth Parks (Mullinaxes), The Family of Hayden Miller (Leigh Ann Allen), Andrea Waters' Family (Amy Ritchie)

March 27

Joys: Our Lord is Risen (Frances Hartsell), Heather Goodman (Her Family), Charlotte & the Choir, Mallory Seymour (Chloe Mullinax), Rick Mullinax (Cameron Mullinax), Everyone – it is Easter! Happy Easter everyone! Christ is risen! (Cameron Mullinax)

Concerns: Andrea Waters (Amy A. Ritchie)

ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, April 10

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 - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

Monday, April 11

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

Tuesday, April 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
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Wednesday, April 13

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

Thursday, April 14

9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

Friday, April 15

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Private Event at BPC Facilities

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 17

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service followed by Congregational Meeting
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

Monday, April 18

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Wednesday, April 20

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, April 21

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

Saturday, April 23

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – KAPM Chicken Dinner at Second PC, Kannapolis

Sunday, April 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 - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC



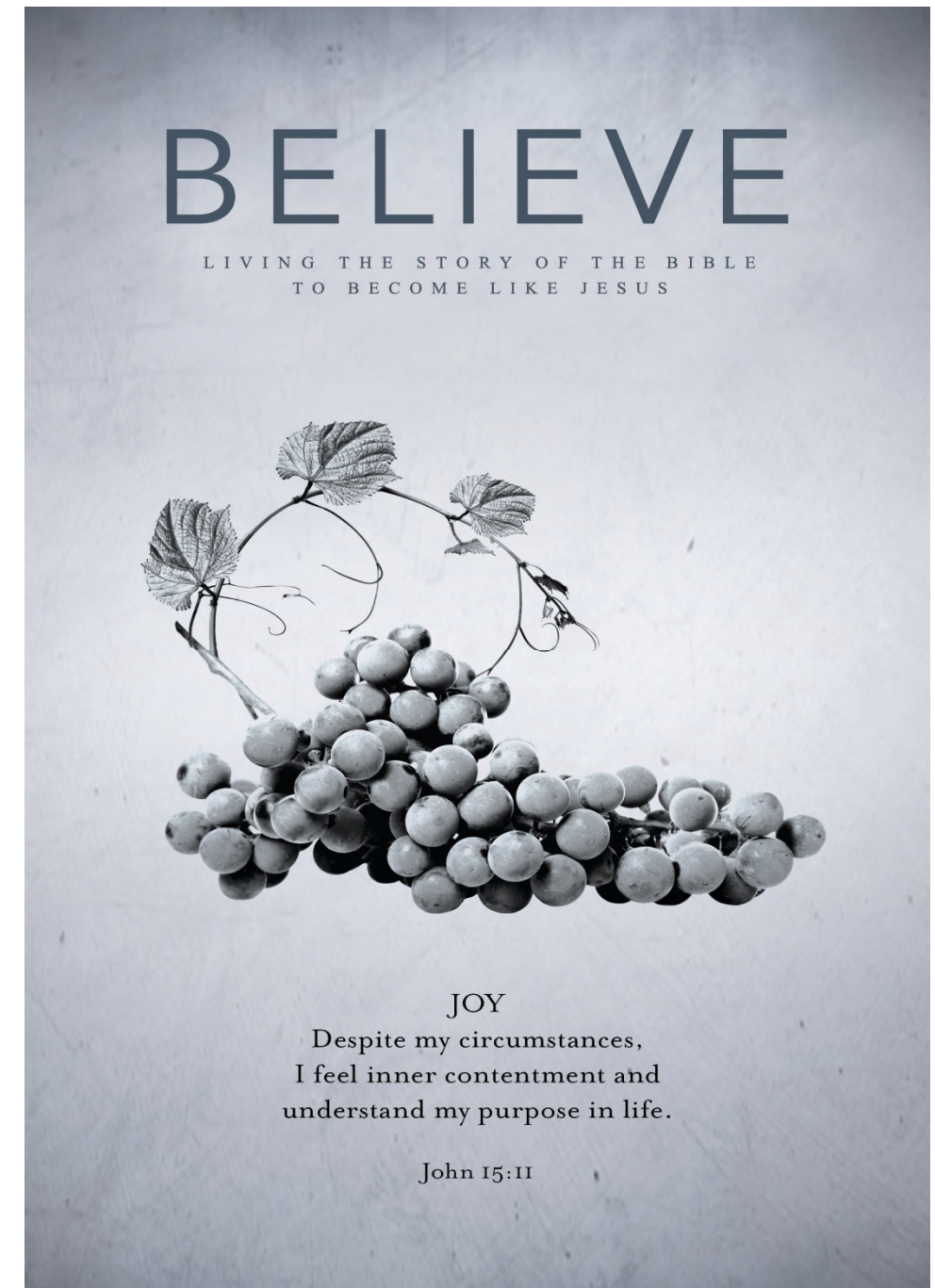
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 April 10, 2016

**“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, April 10	Monday, April 11	Tuesday, April 12	Wednesday, April 13	Thursday, April 14	Friday, April 15	Saturday, April 16
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 st Reading: Ex. 18:1-12 2 nd Reading: 1 John 2:7-17 Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 st Reading: Ex. 18:13-27 2 nd Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-14 Gospel: Mt. (1:1-17) 3:1-6 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 st Reading: Exodus 19:1-16 2 nd Reading: Col. 1:1-14 Gospel: Matthew 3:7-12 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Exodus 19:16-25 2 nd Reading: Col. 1:15-23 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Exodus 20:1-21 2 nd Reading: Col. 1:24-2:7 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 st Reading: Exodus 24:1-18 2 nd Reading: Col. 2:8-23 Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 st Reading: Exodus 25:1-22 2 nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-17 Gospel: Matthew 4:18-25 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter**

April 10, 2016

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 resurrected and here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there as well. 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 "Meditation for Prayer" John Turner

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."

Leader: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.

People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

ALL: *Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in Spirit and in Truth.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 220** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDDTH

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(Please, take a moment for silent confession.)* **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
(Afterwards ages 3 to 8 years old may exit for Children's Worship)

ANTHEM "Oh, How Good It Is" Getty/Getty/Holmes/Townend

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jenny Linebarrier

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 8:13-17 (Bible, OT p. 437)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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

SERMON "Joy Comes in the Morning and through the Mourning"
Rev. Ernest L. Gardner III

***HYMN 2155** "Blest Are They" BLEST ARE THEY

***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 "Take Time to Be Holy" George C. Stebbins
*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 464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" Arr. Lowell Mason

***POSTLUDE** "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley

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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. After the Time with Younger Christians, children ages 3 to 8 years old, are invited to exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary to attend Children's Worship. Parents may meet their children after worship by waiting outside Room 112 in the basement.

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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