

**PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**April 10**

**Concerns:** Laura Vicks (Glenda Kirkman), Ellen Campbell Gardner (Cameron Mullinax), Joe Mullinax (Diane & Rick Mullinax), Elizabeth Parks (Jenny Linebarrier), Robbie Tate (Glenda Kirkman)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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

**Tuesday, April 26**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101  
 9:00 AM – Sunshine Group  
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park  
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

**Wednesday, April 27**

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

**Thursday, April 28**

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Sunday, May 1**

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 - Rm 201  
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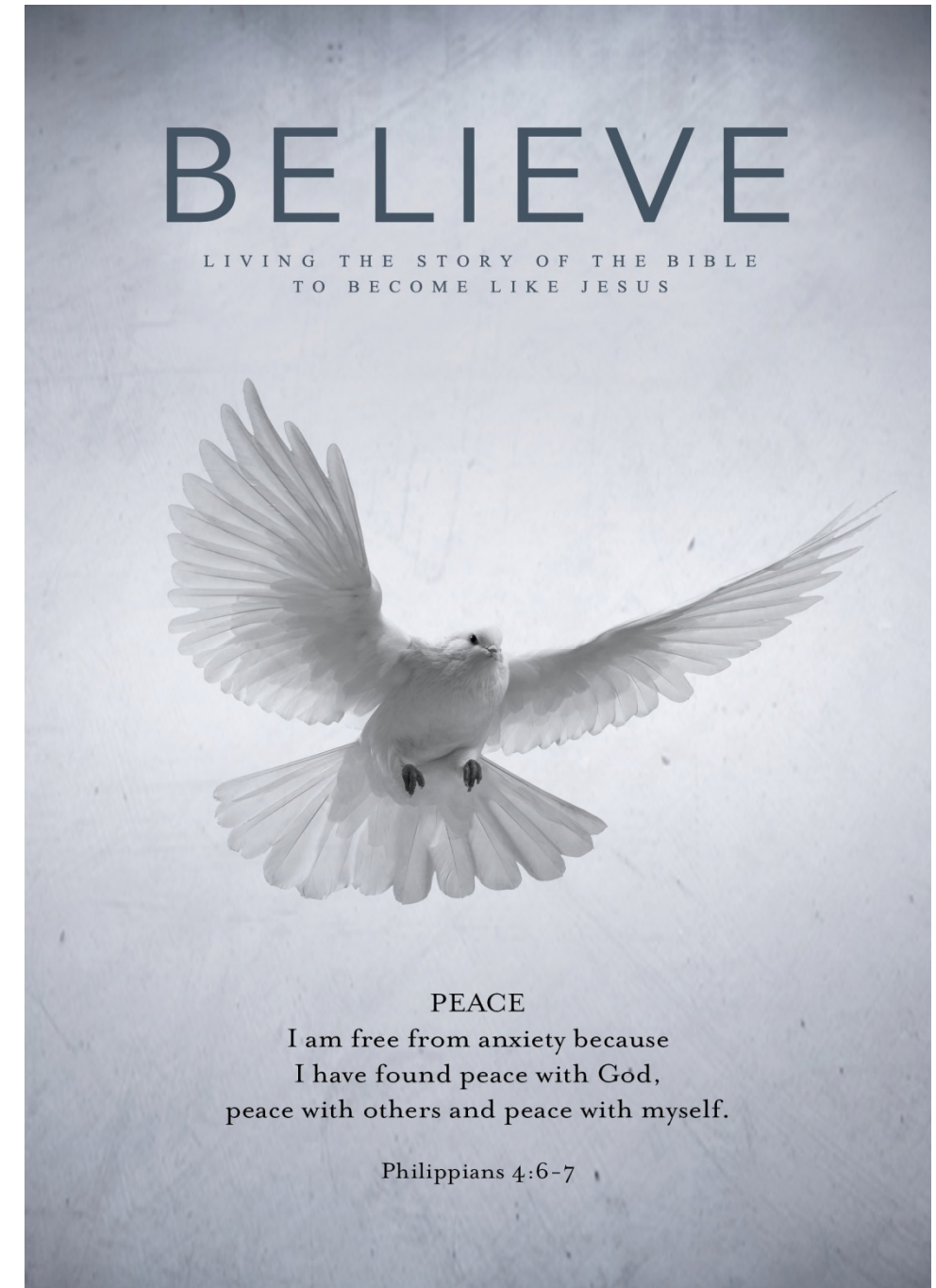
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
 April 17, 2016

**“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 17	Monday, April 18	Tuesday, April 19	Wednesday, April 20	Thursday, April 21	Friday, April 22	Saturday, April 23
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 2:18-29 Gospel: Mark 6:30-44 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 32:1-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Col. 3:18-4:6 (4:7-18) Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 32:21-34 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:11-16 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 33:1-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 2:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-20 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34:1-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 2:13-20 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-26 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Ex. 34:18-35 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 3:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 5:27-37 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 40:18-38 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 4:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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

April 17, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Loving God, you take care of all our needs and love us more than we can imagine. You have given us everything, and we always need you. Thank you for never leaving us. Thank you for guiding us as we worship you and for speaking your words of peace to us through Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRELUDE** "And Can It Be" Traditional

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God makes the sun rise and set.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

Leader: God makes summer and winter come and go.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

Leader: God helps plants grow and flowers bloom.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

Leader: God gives us food to eat, places to live, and people to love us.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

Leader: God is always with us.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

Leader: God keeps his promises to us.

**People: He is faithful from generation to generation.**

ALL: *Let us praise our faithful God.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 527** "Near to the Heart of God" MC AFEE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Father, we confess that sometimes we think we can do things all by ourselves and sometimes we are worried about things. We forget that you give us everything we have and that you make us who we are. Please forgive us for thinking about ourselves first. Please forgive us for not trusting you to take care of us, for marring the peace you offer that passes all understanding. Thank you for always loving us even when we forget that we need you. In Jesus' name. *(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** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" Karen Lafferty

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Heather Kirkman

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Kings 3:1-15, 20-21 (Bible, OT p. 305)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Philippians 4:6-7 (Bible, NT p. 198)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Armed by Peace: Battling Anxiety's Monsters"  
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 2212** "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**\*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 "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

\*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 345** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" REST  
(verses 1, 2 and 4)

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

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

**Congregational Meeting [Members please remain seated. Visitors may leave at this time.]**

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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](http://www.presbypsych.org).

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
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