

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 17

Joys: Bethpage Church (Christel Josey), Congregation of Bethpage Presbyterian (Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner)

Concerns: Rick Helms (Fred Helms), Lex Graham (Phil Allen), Micah Ennis (Hannah Jackson), Bill Jackson & Family (Hannah Jackson), Sherry Childers, Elizabeth Parks (Jenny Linebarrier), Shirley Smith (Kim Gibson), Donna Varner & Family (Jean Brown), Faye and Toot Rodgers (Christel), Cathy Treece Johnson (Susan Treece Smith)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 - Hymn Sing
 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, May 3

10:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study Group 1
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group 2
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group 3
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, May 4

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

Thursday, May 5

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Sunday, May 8

Mother’s Day
 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
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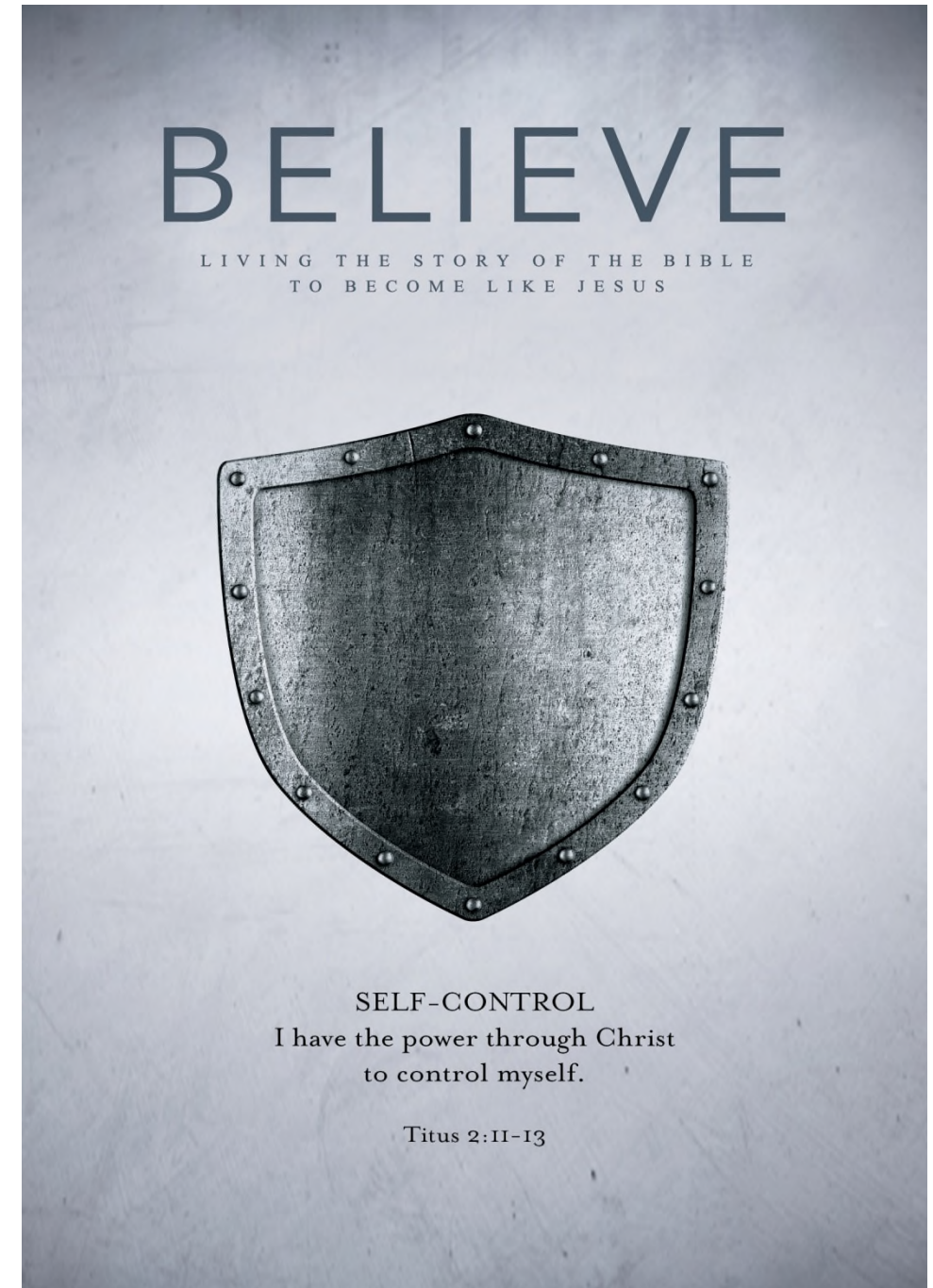
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 April 24, 2016

**“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 24	Monday, April 25	Tuesday, April 26	Wednesday, April 27	Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29	Saturday, April 30
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1st Reading: Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36 2nd Reading: Heb. 12:1-14 Gospel: Luke 4:16-30 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1st Reading: Lev. 16:1-19 2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Gospel: Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1st Reading: Lev. 16:20-34 2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-18 2nd Reading: 1 Thess. 5:12-28 Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Leviticus 19:26-37 2nd Reading: 2 Thess. 1:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1st Reading: Lev. 23:1-22 2nd Reading: 2 Thess. 2:1-17 Gospel: Matthew 7:1-12 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Reading: Lev. 23:23-44 2nd Reading: 2 Thess. 3:1-18 Gospel: Matthew 7:13-21 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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

April 24, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, this morning like all other, we woke to the new day you have given us. We prepared our breakfasts, prayed our prayers, dressed and we are here to worship you. Each day has its own pattern. Yet Sunday, Resurrection Day, reminds us anew that it is because of Christ's obedient self-control, bringing the good news of the gospel, fulfilling His call from you, dying and rising again, that we have eternal hope. Prepare our hearts then, this day, to celebrate and follow him. **Amen.**

PRELUDE "Prelude In D Minor" Glover

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ our Lord.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 339** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

People: Forgive us;

Leader: For the things we have failed to do and regret,

People: Forgive us;

Leader: For the times we acted without love,

People: Forgive us;

Leader: For the times we acted without thought,

People: Forgive us;

Leader: For the times we withheld care,

People: Forgive us;

Leader: For the times we have failed to forgive,

People: Forgive us - even as we will not forgive,

Leader: The hurtful words, said with and helpful words unsaid, for a lack of self-discipline that leaves tasks unfinished and hopes unfulfilled,

ALL: God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burdens and pick up Christ. 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

(Afterwards ages 3 to 8 years old may exit for Children's Worship)

ANTHEM "The Old Rugged Cross Made The Difference" William J. Gaither

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marty Paxton

NEW TESTAMENT READING Titus 2:11-13 (Bible, NT p. 215)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:11-32 (Bible, NT p. 78)

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

SERMON "God-Control" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 420** "God of Grace and God of Glory" RHONDDA

***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 "I Need Thee Every Hour" Robert Lowry

*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDETH

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 357** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "On What Has Now Been Sown" John Newton

***POSTLUDE** "Ride On! Ride In Majesty" J.B. Dykes

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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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