

**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).]

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**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, April 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 - 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 5**

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  
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

**Wednesday, April 6**

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

**Thursday, April 7**

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

**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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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**

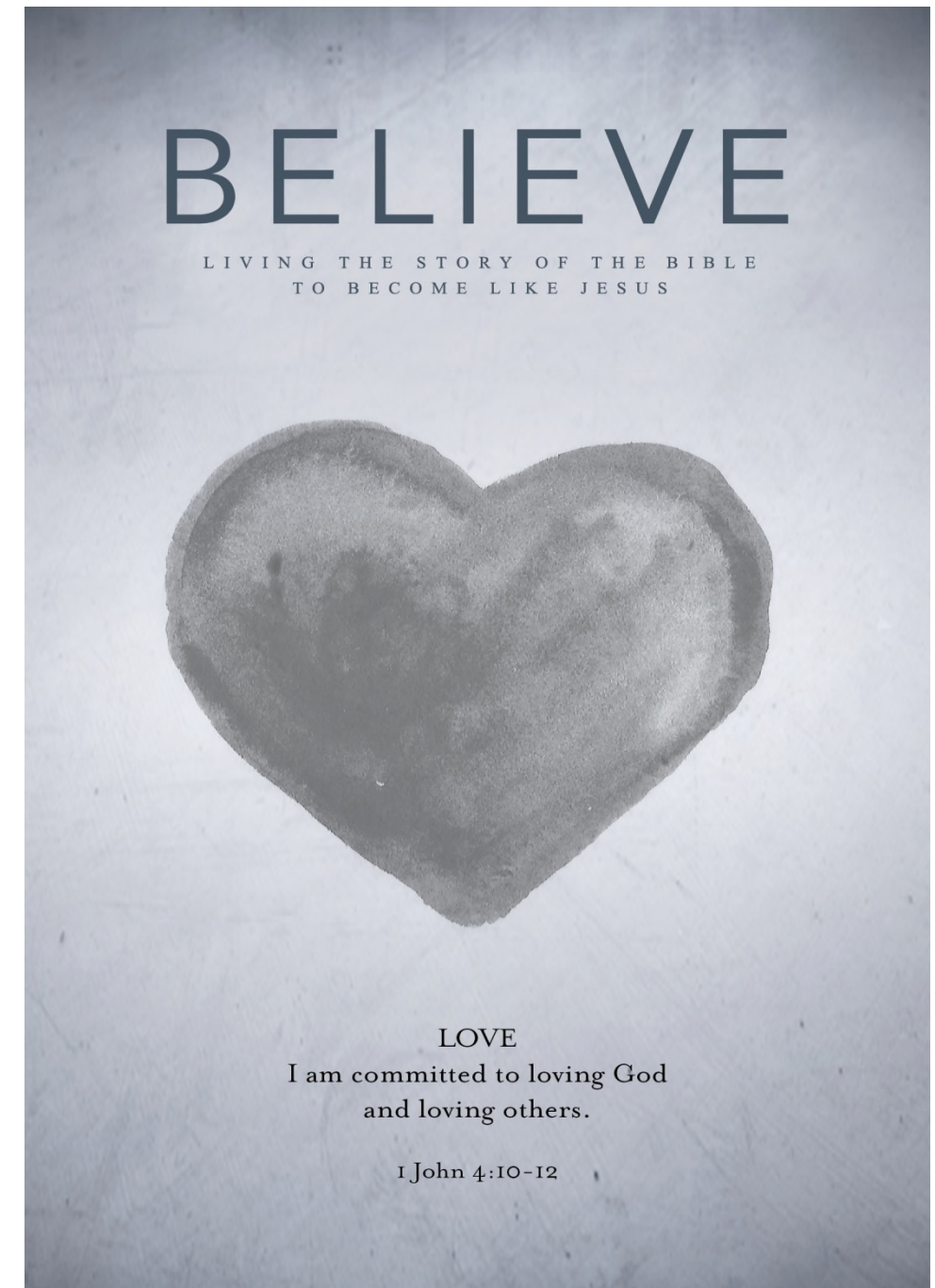
9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

**Friday, April 15**

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

**Sunday, April 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 - Rm 201  
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion  
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**April 3, 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 3  | Monday, April 4  | Tuesday, April 5  | Wednesday, April 6   | Thursday, April 7  | Friday, April 8  | Saturday, April 9  |
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| Morning : Psalms 93; 150<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Ex. 14:5-22<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 John 1:1-7<br>Gospel : John 14:1-7<br>Evening : Psalms 136; 117 | Morning : Psalms 97; 145<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Ex. 14:21-31<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Peter 1:1-12<br>Gospel : John (14:1-7) 8-17<br>Evening : Psalms 124; 115 | Morning : Psalms 98; 146<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Exodus 15:1-21<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Peter 1:13-25<br>Gospel : John 14:18-31<br>Evening : Psalms 66; 116 | Morning : Psalms 99; 147:1-20<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Ex. 15:22-16:10<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Peter 2:1-10<br>Gospel : John 15:1-11<br>Evening : Psalms 9; 118 | Morning : Psalms 47; 147:12-20<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Exodus 16:10-22<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Peter 2:11-3:12<br>Gospel : John 15:12-27<br>Evening : Psalms 68; 113 | Morning : Psalms 96; 148<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Ex. 16:23-36<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Pet. 3:13-4:6<br>Gospel : John 16:1-15<br>Evening : Psalms 49; 138 | Morning : Psalms 92; 149<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Exodus 17:1-16<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Peter 4:7-19<br>Gospel : John 16:16-33<br>Evening : Psalms 23; 114 |

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

**April 3, 2016**

**9:55 A.M.**

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

It was always your will that Israel should find, in Jesus Christ, the one who would bring them home; lost sheep returning to the Shepherd who is their King. And to that fold would come others, from every nation upon earth, as prophets had foretold, including we who are gathered here today to honor and worship your name. Be in our Easter prayers, songs and scripture; that all may know salvation through Christ's resurrection in us. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "Thy Word" Michael W. Smith

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

**People: His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: The Stone the builder rejected has become the capstone;

**People: The Lord has done this; and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

*ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it!*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 123** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. 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** "How Great Is Our God" Arr. Carol Tornquist

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Bible, OT p. 163)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 John 4:10-12 (Bible, NT p. 241)  
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**SERMON** "Love's Rebirth" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 366** "Jesus, thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

**\*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 "Adagio" Arcangelo Corelli  
\*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 392** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" HALL

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CHORAL CLOSING** "Breath of God" Keith Getty

**\*POSTLUDE** "The Heavens are Telling" Joseph Haydn

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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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| Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i><br>Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk</i><br>Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>                                 | <b>HEAD USHER</b><br>Christel Josey   |
| <b>CLASS OF 2016</b>   | <b>USHERS</b><br>Ed & Cheryl Kusper<br>Jenny Linebarrier<br>Sherry Childers |
| Roger Hamilton, <i>Asst. Treasurer, Education</i><br>Matt Josey, <i>Property</i><br>Diane Mullinax, <i>Nurture</i><br>Kim Shore, <i>Leadership</i> | <b>LECTOR</b>   |
| <b>CLASS OF 2017</b>   | Jean Brown  |
| Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i><br>Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i><br>Richie Goodman, <i>Worship</i><br>Carrie Paxton, <i>Education</i>             | <b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY</b>   |
| <b>CLASS OF 2018</b>   | Sunday School & Worship<br>Betty White & Marty Paxton                       |
| Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i><br>Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i><br>Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>                             | <b>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL &amp; WORSHIP</b>                               |
|  | Carrie Paxton<br>& Heather Goodman  |