

**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).]

**August 7**

**Joys:** Barbara Fields (Connie Goodman)

**Concerns:** Faye Rodgers (Betty White)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, August 14**

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

**Monday, August 15**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, August 16**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, August 17**

7:15 PM – Choir

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 21**

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

**Monday, August 22**

4:00 – 8:00 PM – CBCC Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, August 23**

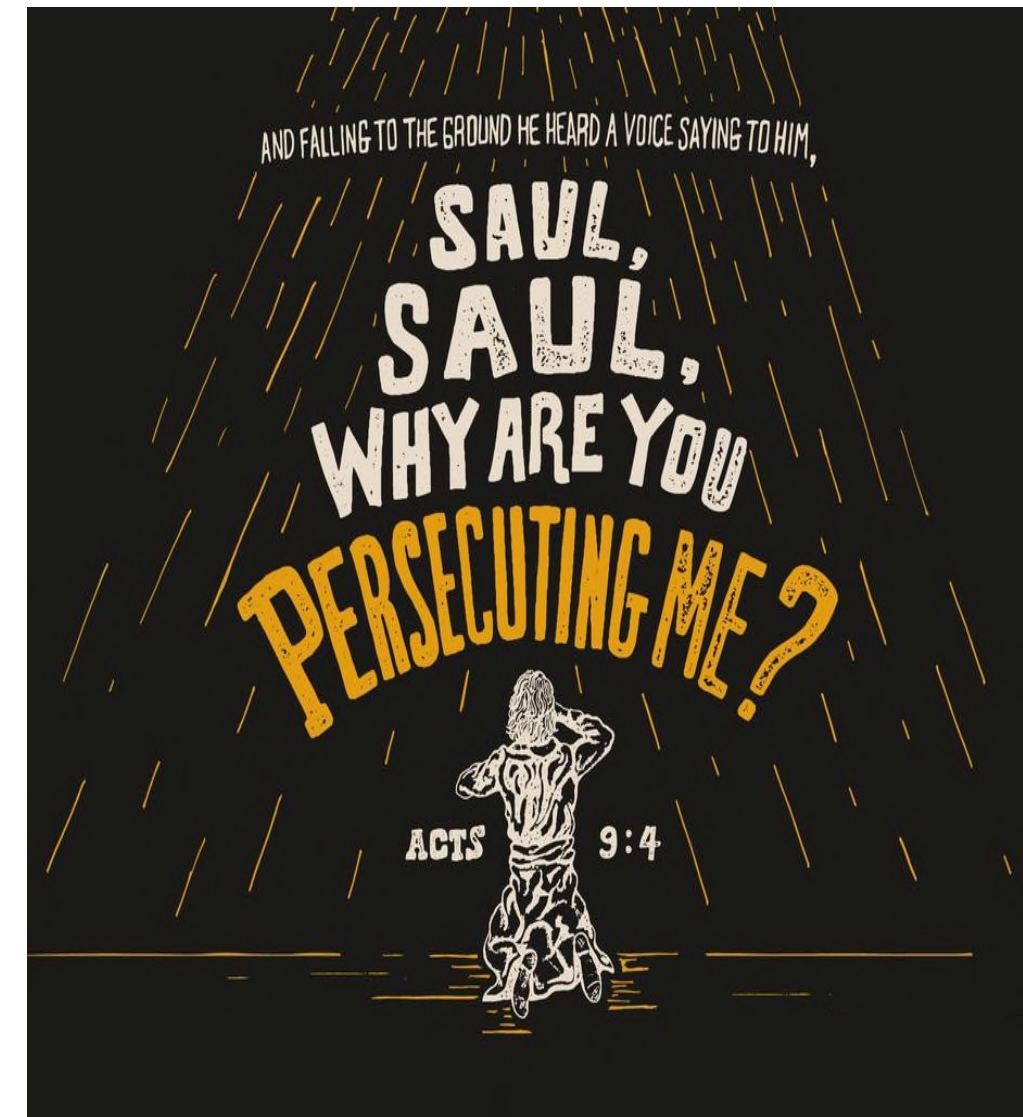
9:00 AM – Sunshine Group  
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesday, August 24**

7:15 PM – Choir

**Sunday, August 28**

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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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

August 14, 2016

**“A family of faith  
 yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”**

DAILY LECTIONARY						
<b>Sunday, August 14</b> Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Judges 16:15-31 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:1-11 Gospel: Mark 5:25-34 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	<b>Monday, August 15</b> Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Judg. 17:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 7:44-8:1a Gospel: John 5:19-29 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	<b>Tuesday, August 16</b> Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Judges 18:1-15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 8:1-13 Gospel: John 5:30-47 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	<b>Wednesday, August 17</b> Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Judg. 18:16-31 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 8:14-25 Gospel: John 6:1-15 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	<b>Thursday, August 18</b> Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 1:1-22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 8:26-40 Gospel: John 6:16-27 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	<b>Friday, August 19</b> Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 2:1-13 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 9:1-9 Gospel: John 6:27-40 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	<b>Saturday, August 20, 2016</b> Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 3:1-26 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 9:10-19a Gospel: John 6:41-51 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

*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!*

The Service for the Lord's Day  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

As we come to worship this day, dear Father, convert the unconverted places in our hearts. May we leave confident that all of our being, every single centimeter of it, belongs to you. Amen.

**PRELUDE** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Broughton

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Suffering Servant becomes the healing source.

People: The stone rejected becomes hope's cornerstone.

Leader: The Crucified One is raised to new life and meets us for conversion on the dusty road of life.

People: The God of healing, hope and life is in our midst:

ALL: Let us celebrate and worship our good God!

**\*HYMN 2086** "Open Our Eyes" OPEN OUR EYES

**\*HYMN 324** "Open My Eyes That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

By Rachel Henderlite – Montreat, N.C., July 1954

We come to you, O Lord and Christ, confessing the fears that twist our lives and keep us from the inner calm and peace that come from thee: The fear of ourselves, that we cannot do what is expected of us; the fear of being found out for our littleness and pride in ourselves; the fear of being left out when joy and riches come to others; the fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service; the fear of death, that when it comes our time to die, we shall not have done the things we would have done, because we were afraid to venture out. We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown, wanting assurance where we must have faith; We find ourselves hesitating to follow thee, O Lord and Christ, afraid the cost may be too great, and life may pass us by. Give us the strength and peace that only you can give. 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**

**ANTHEM** "In the Garden" Wilson

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Cheryl Kusper

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Acts 9:1-6 (Bible, NT p. 127)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Whose witness? Converting the faithful!"  
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert) "Jesus Calls Us" GALILLEE

**\*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 Meditation on "Beach Spring" Denton

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

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Go Out With Praise" Paxton

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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
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Cheryl Kusper
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Dougie & Heather Kirkman Steve & Sandy Gaskey
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	Cheryl Kusper
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	Linda VanPelt & Peggy Overcash
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
	Diane Mullinax & Carrie Paxton