

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

August 14

Joys: Christel Josey's birthday (Her family)

Concerns: Amanda Ritchie's grandfather (Amanda Ritchie)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, September 4

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
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“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean”

- Acts 10:15



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

August 21, 2016

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



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 21	Monday, August 22	Tuesday, August 23	Wednesday, August 24	Thursday, August 25	Friday, August 26	Saturday, August 27
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: Job 4:1-6, 12-21 2 nd Reading: Rev. 4:1-11 Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27 2 nd Reading: Acts 9:19b-31 Gospel: John 6:52-59 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21 2 nd Reading: Acts 9:32-43 Gospel: John 6:60-71 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Ps. 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Job 6:1, 7:1-21 2 nd Reading: Acts 10:1-16 Gospel: John 7:1-13 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Ps. 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Job 8:1-10, 20-22 2 nd Reading: Acts 10:17-33 Gospel: John 7:14-36 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: Job 9:1-15, 32-35 2 nd Reading: Acts 10:34-48 Gospel: John 7:37-52 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22 2 nd Reading: Acts 11:1-18 Gospel: John 8:12-20 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 21, 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 pray this morning, we thank you for this place to worship; Your Church that we call home. We thank you that it is a place of worship for all, that no one is beyond the cleansing reach of Christ's grace. Open our hearts and minds as we worship today, just as you opened Peter's so long ago, that all might know our Lord and become fellow members of God's Kingdom. Amen.

PRELUDE "Sonata III" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Acts 10:15 NIV

Leader: Jesus said to Peter, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

People: Praise God for, "Christ has broken the curse – now there is nothing that is unclean."

Leader: Instead all things are, "like they were in the beginning."

ALL: Cleansed, forgiven and in union with God once more; let us worship God!

***HYMN 387** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from Psalm 51:1-6, 10-12, 15-17, NJB

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love, in your great tenderness wipe away my offences; wash me thoroughly from my guilt, purify me from my sin.

People: Have mercy on me.

Leader: For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, I have sinned. I have done what you see to be wrong, that you may show your saving justice when you pass sentence, and your victory may appear when you give judgment. Remember, I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception.

People: Have mercy on me.

Leader: But you delight in sincerity of heart, and in secret you teach me wisdom. God, create in me a clean heart. Renew within me a resolute spirit. Do not thrust me

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away from your presence. Do not take away from me your Spirit of holiness. Give me back the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a generous spirit. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will speak out your praise.

People: Have mercy on me.

ALL: Sacrifice gives you no pleasure, burnt offering you do not desire. True sacrifice to God is a broken spirit, a broken, contrite heart God will never scorn. Lord, have mercy. (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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Connie Goodman

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:9-15 (Bible, NT p. 129)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "All means ALL" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 358** "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

***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 "Cantabile" Cesar Franck
*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 343** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Psalm XIX" B. Marcello

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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.

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>	HEAD USHER Cheryl Kusper
CLASS OF 2017	USHERS Dougie & Heather Kirkman Steve & Sandy Gaskey
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
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