

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

February 21

Joys: Jacob Smith (Rev. Ellen), Calvin Rodgers & family (Rev. Ellen)

Concerns: Bick Bickerstaff & family (Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner), Annie Benton (Marcia Graybeal), Treva Collins Leach (Jean Brown), MacLaughlin Family (Connie Goodman), Roger Whittington (Curt Gibson), Ann Allen (Amy A. Ritchie), René Ludwig (Sherry Childers), Brandi Coley (Rev. Ellen), Rick & Diane Mullinax (Christel Josey)

ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, February 28

LENT III
 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, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Thursday, March 3

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 5

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Midway Methodist Women in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Senior High Youth Group
 Movie Night in BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 6

LENT IV
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 8:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting at Kirkwood PC, Kannapolis
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion
 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

Wednesday, March 9

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

Friday, March 11

5:00 – 10:30 PM – Girl Scouts in BPC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 12

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour tonight!

Sunday, March 13

LENT V
 Daylight Saving Time begins
 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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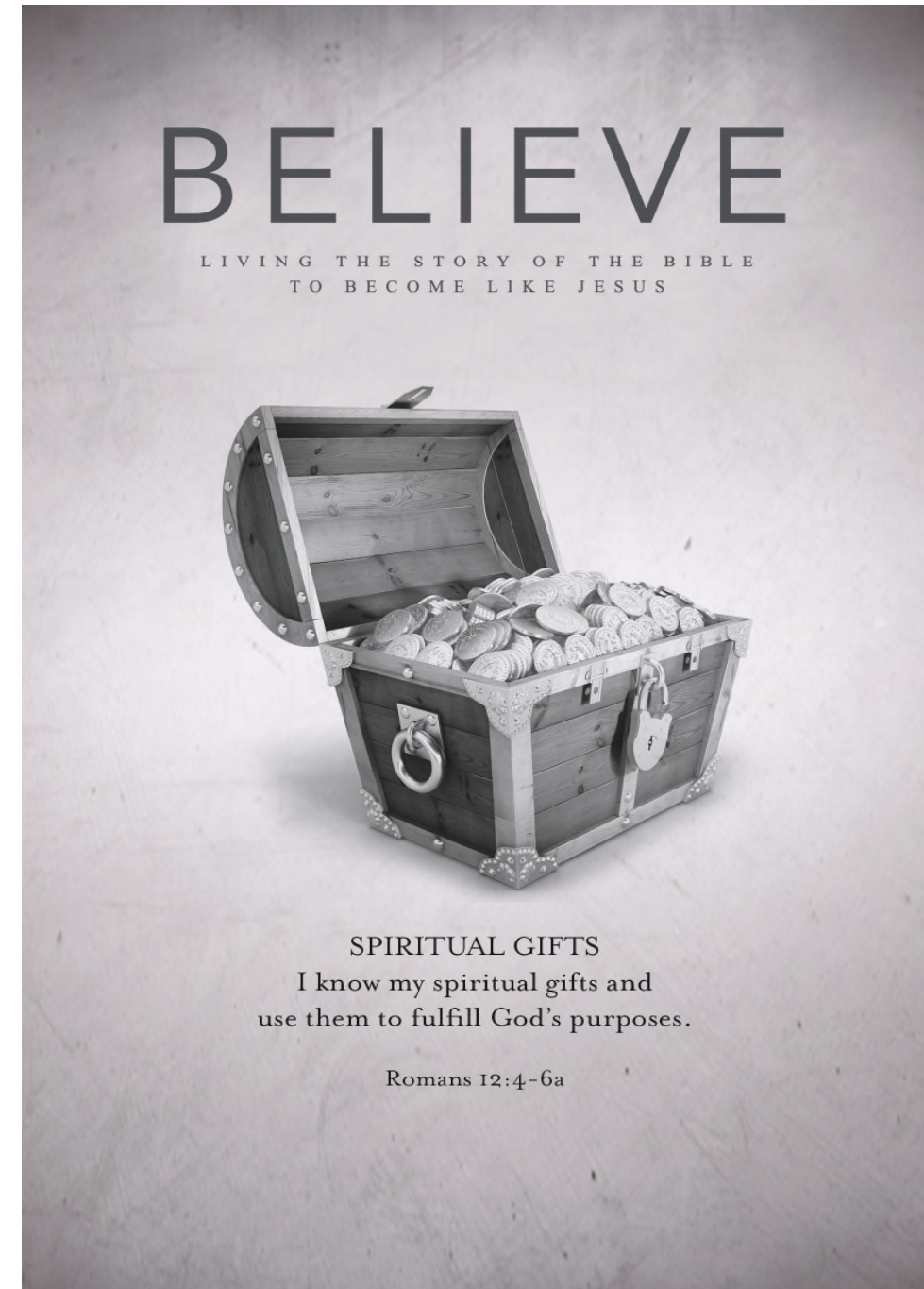
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 February 28, 2016

**“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, February 28 | Monday, February 29 | Tuesday, March 1 | Wednesday, March 2 | Thursday, March 3 | Friday, March 4 | Saturday, March 5 |
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| Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 44:1-17 2 nd Reading: Rom. 8:1-10 Gospel: John 5:25-29 Evening: Psalms 42; 32 | Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Gen. 44:18-34 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 Evening: Psalms 121; 6 | Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Genesis 45:1-15 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Evening: Psalms 25; 91 | Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 45:16-28 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Gospel: Mark 6:13-29 Evening: Psalms 27; 51 | Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Gen. 46:1-7, 28-34 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Gospel: Mark 6:30-46 Evening: Psalms 126; 102 | Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Gen. 47:1-26 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Gospel: Mark 6:47-56 Evening: Psalms 105; 130 | Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Gen. 47:27-48:7 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Gospel: Mark 7:1-23 Evening: Psalms 31; 143 |

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday in Lent**

February 28, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, as we look around this sanctuary, we see so much talent. You have powerfully gifted Bethpage Presbyterian Church, that we may be a blessing to others; fulfilling our purpose and your calling in this world. Awaken us, in our worship this day, to these gifts. Empower us to live out the holy, high calling you have given to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Arr. Phillip Keveren

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from 1 Corinthians 12

Leader: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

Women: There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord

Men: There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

ALL: Now, as the Body of Christ, each one of us is a part of him. Together, in your Word, our music, listening, praising, praying and going out again, let us worship God!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 461** "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Diane Mullinax

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 2:1-2a, 10-12, 17-19, 24-28 (Bible, OT p. 820)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:4-8 (Bible, NT p. 162)

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SERMON "Gifts for the Sharing" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 391** "Take My Life" HENDON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I belong- body and soul, in life and death- not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has also assured me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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 "God is So Good" Douglas E. Wagner
*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**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "May God Bless and Keep You" Christopher Walker

***POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune" John Carter

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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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