

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

January 31

Joys: Hannah (Charlotte Penland), Fred Helms, Gary Ambrose (Jean Brown), Mack Sapp Sr. (Cameron Mullinax), BPC Congregation (Madison Scarborough)
Concerns: Marlena Wallace Jefferson (Brandi Coley), Harkey family (Ellen Shore), Fred Helms, Amanda Ritchie (Amy A. Ritchie), Rick Mullinax (Diane Mullinax), Viola Green (Teresa Kincaid), Rick Mullinax (Cameron Mullinax), Mike Moles (Kim Shore)

MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD: Patty Lee
 ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, February 7
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
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 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

Monday, February 8
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, February 9
 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 10
 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service with Communion in the BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 14
LENT I
 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
 11:00 AM – Senior High Youth Group Planning Meeting
 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

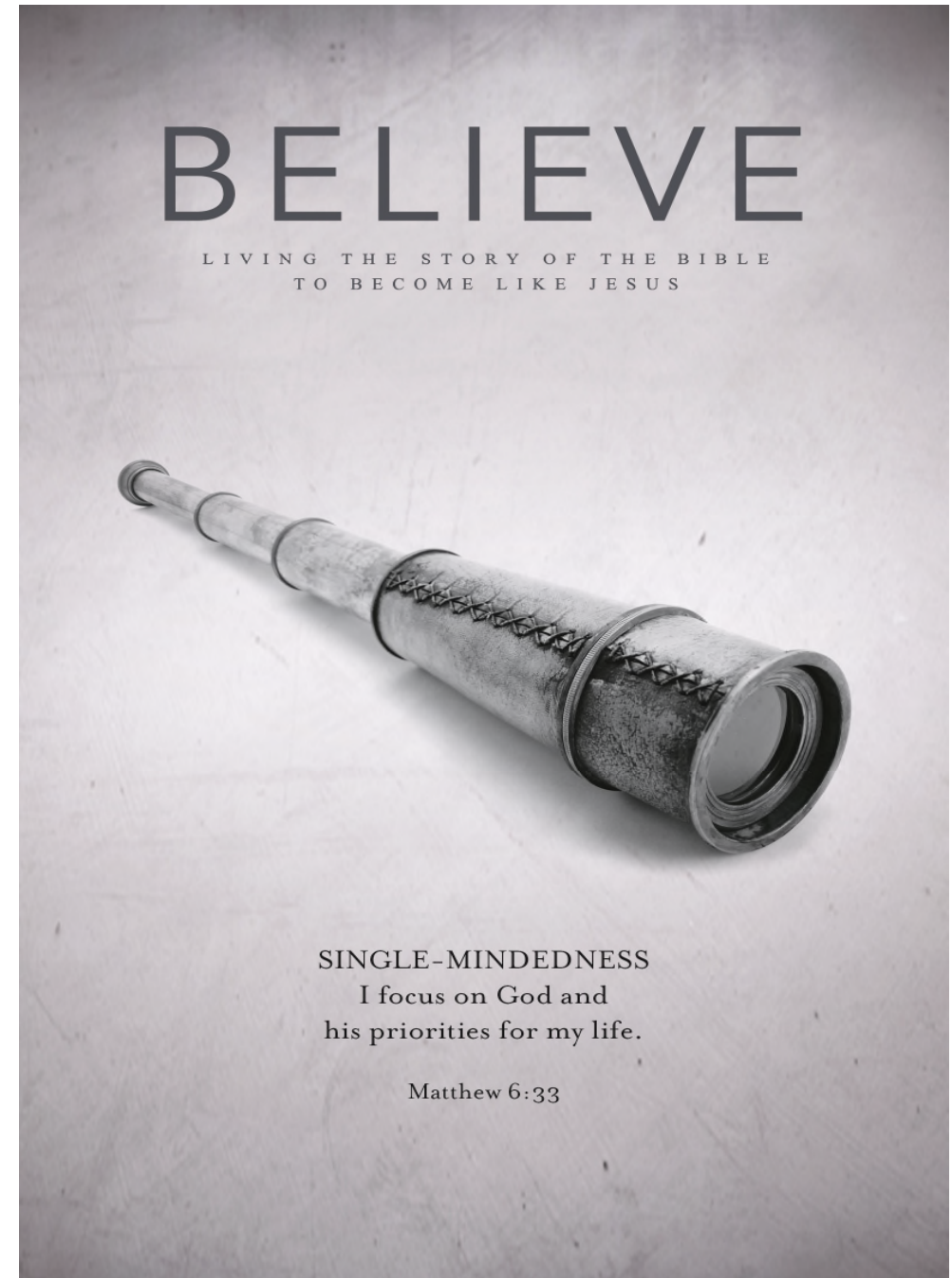
Monday, February 15
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 16
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 17
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, February 18
 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

Sunday, February 21
LENT II
 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



SINGLE-MINDEDNESS
 I focus on God and his priorities for my life.
 Matthew 6:33

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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 February 7, 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 7 | Monday, February 8 | Tuesday, February 9 | Wednesday, February 10 | Thursday, February 11 | Friday, February 12 | Saturday, February 13 |
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| Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1st Reading: Malachi 4:1-6 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 3:7-18 Gospel: Luke 9:18-27 Evening: Psalms 117; 139 | Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1st Reading: Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12 2nd Reading: Phil. 2:1-13 Gospel: John 18:15-18, 25-27 Evening: Psalms 82; 29 | Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1st Reading: Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33 2nd Reading: Phil. 3:1-11 Gospel: John 18:28-38 Evening: Psalms 102; 133 | Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Amos 5:6-15 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:1-14 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 Evening: Psalms 27; 51 | Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Habakuk 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:12-21 Gospel: John 17:1-8 Evening: Psalms 126; 102 | Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 2nd Reading: Phil. 4:1-9 Gospel: John 17:9-19 Evening: Psalms 105; 130 | Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1st Reading: Ezekiel 39:21-29 2nd Reading: Phil. 4:10-20 Gospel: John 17:20-26 Evening: Psalms 31; 143 |

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord**

February 7, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, Your Word tells us to, "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things will be added to us." We come this morning, seeking first to honor, to worship and to praise your holy name. Add, we pray, eyes to see your grace clearly in our worship. Hearts filled with your love so fully that they dare to walk obediently. Ears that are open to the Gospel message your Spirit has prepared for each one of us this morning. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Traditional

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 51:15, 17, 19

Leader: Your presence here today says that for this moment you are choosing to seek first God's kingdom.

Men: We have come to worship this day because we do seek his Kingdom.

Women: We have come here today because we will seek his Righteousness.

ALL: Trusting that God is faithful always, we are confident that in our worship this day, "all these things" and so much more will be added. With this anticipation and trust, "Let us come and worship God!"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, when trials beset us, we say, "it is natural to fear." Called to be courageous by your Holy Spirit, we find all kinds of reasons why courage is impractical. When asked to take risks, we confess, we drag our heels in complacency. Ignoring injustice, we confess, we just hope that "those" problems will go away. You have shown us how you are a God to be trusted. Leading your people, you have always been faithful; especially when Christ overcame The Enemy, sin and death, on the cross and at his resurrection. Forgive our reluctance to believe in your guidance, and grant us the wisdom, yes wisdom, to single-mindedly trust and follow you - always. 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 "Psalm 84: How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely" Hal Hopson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Sherry Childers

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Chronicles 20:2-9, 13-18, 20-21 (Bible, OT p. 402)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33 (Bible, NT p. 16)

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SERMON "Singing Praises into Battle" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** (see insert) "By Faith" Word and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

***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

and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory "Thanks Be to Thee" G.F. Handel
*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 525** "Here I Am, Lord" HERE I AM, LORD

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "Amen" Robert J. Dufford

***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.

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