

**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).]

**January 10**

**Joys:** Schmidt Family – baptism of Mikaela Schmidt today (Ellen Campbell Gardner), Kim Shore – leading worship last week (Ellen Campbell Gardner), Andy – newest member of the Gardner family (Ellen Campbell Gardner), Rev. Ellen – Happy Birthday (Fred Helms)

**Concerns:** Madison Scarborough – pray for surgery Wednesday (Peggy Overcash), Tom & Teresa – traveling mercies going to be with Madison (Peggy Overcash), Frances Tate – has pneumonia and not doing well (Glenda Kirkman), Fred Helms – eye surgery 1-11-2016 (Fred Helms)

CAREMOOR RETIREMENT CENTER: Edna Overcash  
MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD: Patty Lee  
ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, January 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  
5:00 PM – BPC Youth Group

**Monday, January 18**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, January 19**

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

**Wednesday, January 20**

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

**Thursday, January 21**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, January 24**

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 – BPC Youth Group

**Tuesday, January 26**

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

**Wednesday, January 27**

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

**Saturday, January 27**

10:00 AM – Education Committee Cleanup Day for classrooms and storage rooms

**Sunday, January 31**

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM – Sunday School  
9:55 AM – Worship Service with Annual Meeting in BPC Fellowship Hall  
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 – Senior High Youth Group Planning Meeting in the Session Room



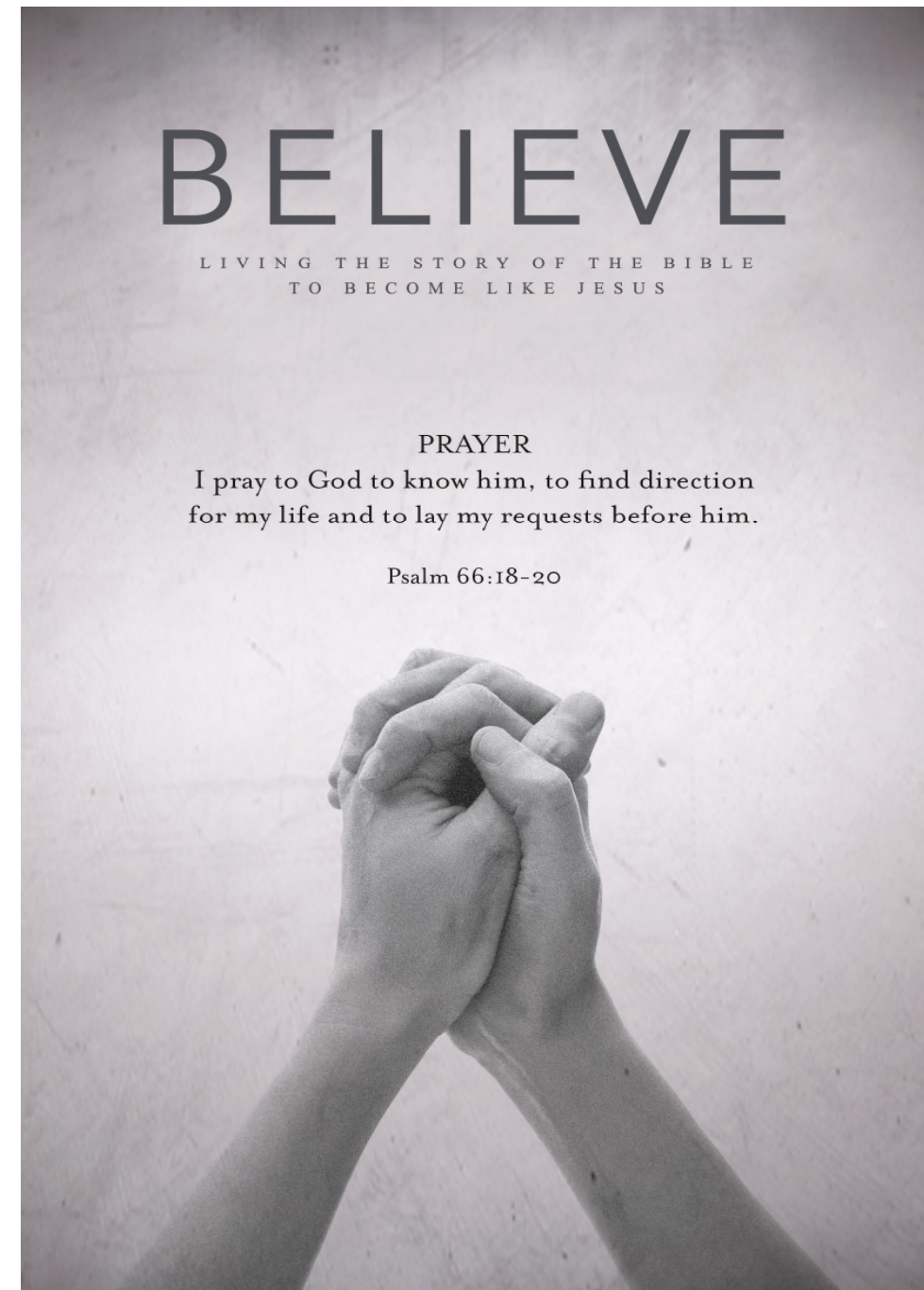
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
**January 17, 2016**

**“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, January 17	Monday, January 18	Tuesday, January 19	Wednesday, January 20	Thursday, January 21	Friday, January 22	Saturday, January 23
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1st Reading: Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23 2nd Reading: Eph. 4:1-16 Gospel: Mark 3:7-19 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1st Reading: Genesis 8:6-22 2nd Reading: Heb. 4:14-5:6 Gospel: John 2:23-3:15 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1st Reading: Genesis 9:1-17 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-14 Gospel: John 3:16-21 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Psalms 15; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Genesis 9:18-29 2nd Reading: Hebrews 6:1-12 Gospel: John 3:22-36 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Psalms 36; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Genesis 11:1-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: John 4:1-15 Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1st Reading: Genesis 11:27-12:8 2nd Reading: Heb. 7:1-17 Gospel: John 4:16-26 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1st Reading: Genesis 12:9-13:1 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:18-28 Gospel: John 4:27-42 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 17, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

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

**WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

adapted from a prayer by St. Richard Chichester (1197-1253)

As we worship this day, "O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly: forever and ever." AMEN.

**PRELUDE**                      *"Chant de la Creuse"*                      César Frank

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, for he made it:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

**People: Come, let us adore him.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips in prayer and thanksgiving.

*ALL: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 2025**                      *"As the Deer"*                      AS THE DEER

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies; prayers go unsaid, faith grows cold. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in this prayer and so many others, that in union with you, we might see anew Jesus' love for us. 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**                      Roger Hamilton

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**                      Psalm 66:18-20 (Bible, OT p. 529)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                      Luke 11:1-13 (Bible, NT p. 72)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**                      *"Prayer: the breath of a Christian"*  
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN 403**                      *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*                      CONVERSE

**\*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                      *"Andante Tranquillo"*                      Dom Andrew Moore

\*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 2161**                      *"To Know You More"*                      TO KNOW YOU MORE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*CHORAL CLOSING**                      *"Benediction Hymn"*                      Traditional Irish

**\*POSTLUDE**                      *"Allegro Moderato"*                      Dom Andrew Moore

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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).

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