

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 17

Joys: Phil & Ann Allen – 52nd Wedding Anniversary on Monday, January 18th (Amy A. Ritchie), Aubrey & Alice Tarlton – January 19th, Tuesday is their 64th Wedding Anniversary – Wonderful parents! (Jill & Roger Hamilton), Frances Tate – prayers answered – she has made a turn for the better (Glenda Kirkman), Dawn Crawford – friend – her struggles with MS are growing more pronounced, but she’s doing better – she is more able to walk (Jean Brown), Madison Scarborough – thanks for all the prayers – pray for recovery from surgery (Peggy Overcash)

Concerns: Ron – Glenda Kirkman’s brother – passed out while driving from diabetic shock – he is doing better – no one was hurt (Glenda Kirkman), Charlotte Penland – recovery from the flu (Ellen Campbell Gardner), Robin Barham & Family – Step-father had brain injury from fall – taken off all machines yesterday – pray for peace for all (Carrie Paxton), Harry Higgins Family – Harry passed away this week (Charlotte Penland), Rick Mullinax (PawPaw) – for healing – he is certainly fighting! (Cameron Mullinax)

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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 30

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, February 2

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, February 3

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

Friday, February 5

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Girl Scouts set up in BPC Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 6

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Girl Scout Thinking Day in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM – Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at First Charlotte PC

Sunday, February 7

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
Souper Bowl of Caring Offering to be received
8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
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5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

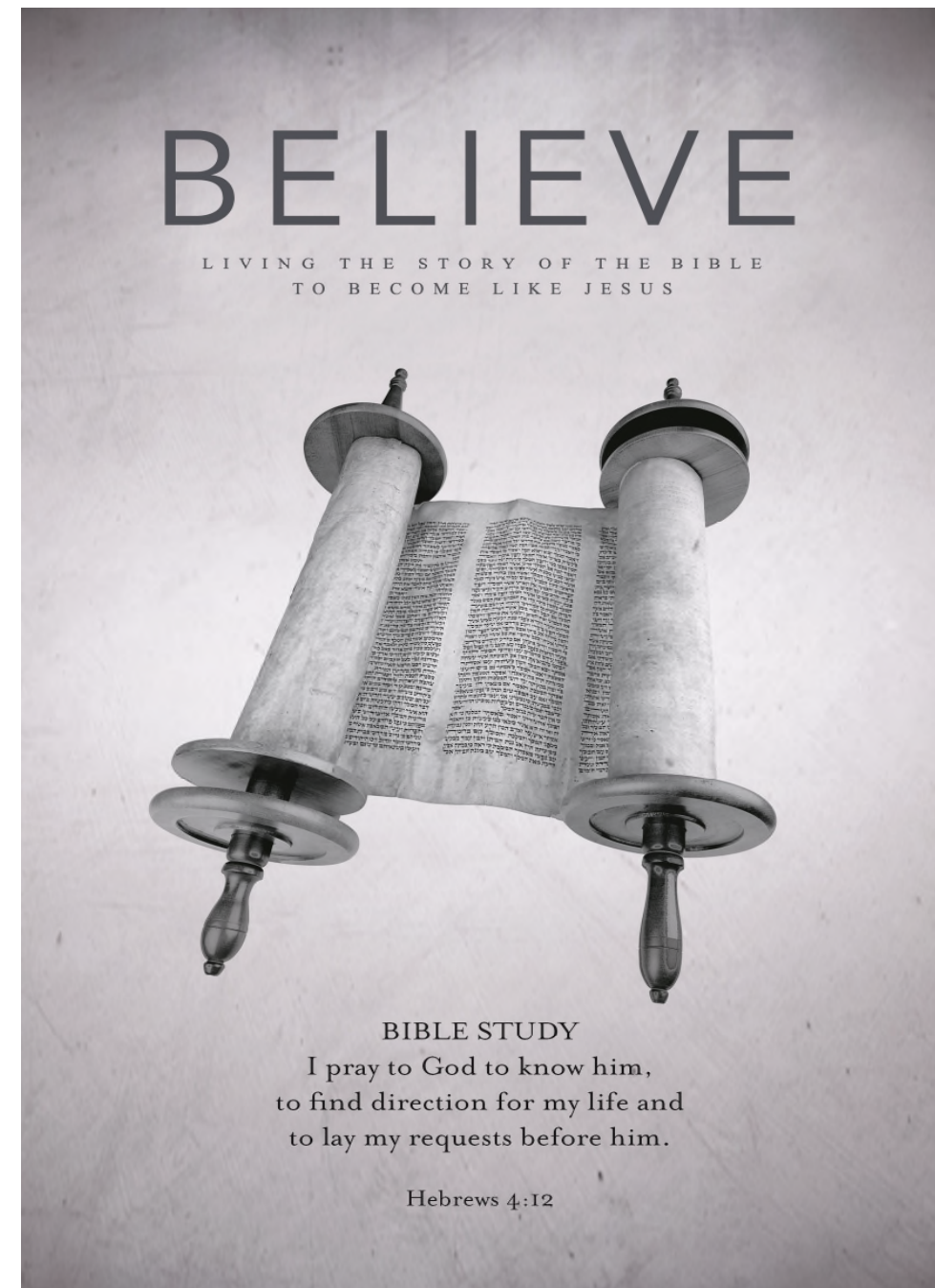
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
January 24, 2016

**“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 24	Monday, January 25	Tuesday, January 26	Wednesday, January 27	Thursday, January 28	Friday, January 29	Saturday, January 30
Morning: Psalms 67; 150 1 st Reading: Gen. 13:2-18 2 nd Reading: Gal. 2:1-10 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 Evening: Psalms 46; 93	Morning: Psalms 57; 145 1 st Reading: Genesis (14:1-7) 8-24 2 nd Reading: Heb. 8:1-13 Gospel: John 4:43-54 Evening: Psalms 85; 47	Morning: Psalms 54; 146 1 st Reading: Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 9:1-14 Gospel: John 5:1-18 Evening: Psalms 28; 99	Morning: Psalms 65; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Genesis 16:1-14 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 9:15-28 Gospel: John 5:19-29 Evening: Psalms 125; 91	Morning: Psalms 143; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Genesis 16:15-17:14 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 10:1-10 Gospel: John 5:30-47 Evening: Psalms 81; 116	Morning: Psalms 88; 148 1 st Reading: Gen. 17:15-27 2 nd Reading: Heb. 10:11-25 Gospel: John 6:1-15 Evening: Psalms 6; 20	Morning: Psalms 122; 149 1 st Reading: Genesis 18:1-16 2 nd Reading: Heb. 10:26-39 Gospel: John 6:16-27 Evening: Psalms 100; 63

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

January 24, 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 Psalm 51:10

Dear Lord, as I come to worship this day, "create in me a clean heart, O Lord. Renew a right Spirit within me." AMEN.

PRELUDE "I Stand Amazed" Arr. by Carol Tornquist

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

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

People: and my mouth will declare your praise. For you have no delight in sacrifices of worship

ALL: *Unless they are sacrifices of a broken and contrite heart. Humbled and in loving homage of you; let us worship God.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

ALL: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 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 "Untitled Hymn" Chris Rice

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Eric McKnight

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 1:1-11 (Bible, OT p. 194)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 4:12 (Bible, NT p. 220)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Wonder of the Word" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 233** "Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart" Sung to AMAZING GRACE

***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 "Open Our Eyes" Bob Cull
*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 419** "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" REPTON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING – HYMN 2241** (choir and congregation)
"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" LAND OF REST

***POSTLUDE** "Forward in His Name" Kevin Boesiger

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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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