

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

December 27

Joys: Phil Allen – ultrasound results were normal (Amy A. Ritchie), Betty White Family – remembering Bernard – White family here – flowers in the church in memory of Bernard (Rev. Ellen), Sam & Jeana Gray – expecting their first child (Hannah Jackson), Karlyn Dwinell – traveling to England and Ireland today for 10 days – granddaughter of Phil & Ann Allen – niece of mine & Leigh Ann Allen – cousin of Amanda Ritchie (Amy A. Ritchie), Darrell Ballard – here in worship and feeling better (Marsha Johnson), Rick Mullinax – here today – begins new chemotherapy next week (Janice Morgan)

Concerns: Family of Vaudrey Mesimer – prayers go out to Dwain – loss of his father (Rev. Ellen), Wayne Petrea – fell and broke his arm (Eric McKnight), Todd Penland & wife – serious car accident (Charlotte Penland), Mary Knox – very disoriented – concern for her (Charlotte Penland), Ernest Hudson – health – almost bed ridden (Rebecca Stokes, Suds of Love), Todd Waters Family – Andrea’s cancer has spread (Pat Rankin), Gail Duganne – Phil Allen’s sister – our Aunt – blood sugar dropped – in ICU at Rowan Regional in Salisbury – long road ahead (Amy A. Ritchie, Leigh Ann Allen), Ann Allen – her feet are bothering her (Amy A. Ritchie), Mary Cooper – mother-in-law – health – vision (Rebecca Stokes, Suds of Love)

BRIAN CENTER-CONCORD: Edward Rodgers
 CAREMOOR RETIREMENT CENTER: Edna Overcash
 ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, January 3
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 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
 6:00 PM – Young Adult Pot Luck at the Paxton’s

Tuesday, January 5
 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, January 6
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program – BELIEVE resumes
 7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, January 9
 9:00 – 10:15 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 10
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion – BELIEVE resumes
 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
 3:00 – 4:30 PM – Presbytery VBS Review in BPC Fellowship Hall
 5:00 PM – BPC Youth Group

Monday, January 11
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Wednesday, January 13
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, January 14
 Annual Meeting reports due to church office

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



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 January 3, 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

<p>Sunday, January 3 Morning: Psalms 111; 150 1st Reading: Kings 3:5-14 2nd Reading: Col. 3:12-17 Gospel: John 6:41-47 Evening: Psalms 107; 15</p>	<p>Monday, January 4 Morning: Psalms 20; 145 1st Reading: Josh. 3:14-4:7 2nd Reading: Eph. 5:1-20 Gospel: John 9:1-12, 35-38 Evening: Psalms 93; 97</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 5 Morning: Psalms 99; 146 1st Reading: Jonah 2:2-9 2nd Reading: Eph. 6:10-20 Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-44 Eve of Epiphany Reading: Isaiah 66:18-23 Eve of Epiphany Reading: Romans 15:7-13 Evening: Psalms 96; 110</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 6 Morning: Psalms 72; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7 2nd Reading: Rev. 21:22-27 Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21 Evening: Psalms 100; 67</p>	<p>Thursday, January 7 Morning: Ps. 46 or 97; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-3 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:1-14 Gospel: John 6:30-33, 48-51 Evening: Psalms 27; 93 or 114</p>	<p>Friday, January 8 Morning: Ps. 46 or 47; 148 1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 2nd Reading: Col. 1:15-23 Gospel: John 7:37-52 Evening: Ps. 27; 93 or 114</p>	<p>Saturday, January 9 Morning: Psalms 46 or 47; 149 1st Reading: Isaiah 45:14-19 2nd Reading: Col. 1:24-2:7 Gospel: John 8:12-19 Eve of Baptism of the Lord Reading: Isaiah 61:1-9 Eve of Baptism of the Lord Reading: Galatians 3:23-29; 4:4-7 Evening: Psalms 27; 93 or 114</p>
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**The Service for the Lord's Day
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

January 3, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

—based on Matthew 2 and Luke 2

Lord, the Christ child is born! If I am to worship him this day, I must prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi. If I am to praise him, I will come in faith, like Anna, expectantly watching for my Savior; the Redemption of Jerusalem. Together, as we worship the Christ child this day, allow us to come like Simeon, humbled by the prospect that we will not see death because the Lord's Christ has come anew. We wait in preparation this day, ready to witness the immeasurable riches of God as we worship his only begotten son, Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Joy Has Dawned"

Douglas Wagner

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

—based on 1 Timothy 3:16

Leader: Christ manifested in the flesh, Christ revealed in the Spirit.

People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Leader: Christ contemplated by the angels, Christ worshiped by the Magi.

People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Leader: Christ believed in the world, Christ exalted in glory.

People: Praise the Lord, all you nations.

ALL: *Let us Worship God.*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 68** *"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to newness of life. Fill us anew with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our light forever. 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

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Philipp Nicolai

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcia Graybeal

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-6 ([Bible](#), OT p. 690)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12 ([Bible](#), NT p. 2)

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

SERMON

"What Gift Do You Give a King?"

Kim Shore

***HYMN 66**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

(verses 1, 2, 5)

***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

and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory

"Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise"

Jacob Hintz

*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 63**

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING – HYMN 29**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT
(Refrain only)

***POSTLUDE**

"Adore Him"

John Cumberland

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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
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Jenny Linebarrier
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