

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

July 24

Concerns: Sherry Childers' daughter (Rev. Ellen), Fred Helms' son (Fred Helms), Jenny Linebarrier's neighbor (Jenny Linebarrier), Steve Linebarrier's brother (Jenny Linebarrier), Billy Graham team in South Africa, Doris Ballard, Tom Griffin

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, July 31

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service 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

Monday, August 1

11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, August 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 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group 3 in Session Room

Wednesday, August 3

7:15 PM – Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, August 7

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 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
 6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxton's

Monday, August 8

7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, August 9

6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, August 10

7:15 PM – Choir

Sunday, August 14

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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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

July 31, 2016

“A family of faith yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”



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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 31	Monday, August 1	Tuesday, August 2	Wednesday, August 3	Thursday, August 4	Friday, August 5	Saturday, August 6
Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1 st Reading: Judges 6:1-24 2 nd Reading: 2 Cor. 9:6-15 Gospel: Mark 3:20-30 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 st Reading: Judg. 6:25-40 2 nd Reading: Acts 2:37-47 Gospel: John 1:1-18 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 st Reading: Judges 7:1-18 2 nd Reading: Acts 3:1-11 Gospel: John 1:19-28 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Judges 7:19-8:12 2 nd Reading: Acts 3:12-26 Gospel: John 1:29-42 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Ps. 116; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Judges 8:22-35 2 nd Reading: Acts 4:1-12 Gospel: John 1:43-51 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 st Reading: Judges 9:1-16, 19-21 2 nd Reading: Acts 4:13-31 Gospel: John 2:1-12 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Reading: Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 2 nd Reading: Acts 4:32-5:11 Gospel: John 2:13-25 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

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!

The Service for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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 the prayer "Christ be with me." by St. Patrick

In our worship this day may: Christ's Spirit be in our worship. Christ's light be before our eyes to navigate our crooked paths. Christ be behind us as to guide us in His will. Christ be in our minds as we listen to His Word. Christ be beneath us as we seek God's sure foundation. Christ be above us leading us in the Father's purpose. Christ be on our right to strengthen our resolve. Christ be on our left, helping us to press on in any weakness. Christ be where we sit, that we may not sit too long. Christ be where we arise to go to be Christ in the World. May your salvation, Lord, be ever with us as we worship you this day. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Ave Maria" Charles Gounod

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

People: **For He is our God! We are the people of His pasture; the sheep of His hand.**

Leader: Today, if you will hear His voice:

People: **We will not harden our hearts, as in rebellion. For the LORD is the great God.**

Leader: He is King above all gods.

ALL: *It is this Lord and Christ alone whom we have come to worship this day. Let us worship God!*

***HYMN 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON
(verses 1, 4, 5)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Dear Lord, feelings between loved ones can ebb and flow. Forgive us when our feelings for you ebb and flow too. Do not allow our fickle natures to rob us of your sacred and blessed assurance. Also Lord, when we feel that we cannot "keep up" our faith any longer, in the church or in our lives, forgive our sinful habit of taking the reins of life into our own hands; acting like we are doing all the work of faith. Re- Mind us.

(continue →)

For it is your Spirit that completes every project you start in us. It is your power that causes our faith to grow, so that it is more than a feeling or an obligation, but a sure and steadfast confidence in Your promises of truth. Help us to believe this truth. Help me to live it in faith, even to its completion. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessings"

Laura Story

Soloist: Hannah Jackson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eric McKnight

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 6:1-7 (Bible, NT p. 123)

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

SERMON

"None of us can do it all!"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** (insert)

"Before You I Kneel"

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Jeff Taylor and Stuart Townend

***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

Offertory

"O Rest in the Lord"

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*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 2130**

"The Summons"

KELVINGROVE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

"The Heavens are Telling" from The Creation

Franz Joseph Haydn

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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.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Paula Myers
	USHERS Jill Hamilton Eric Hamilton Margaret Griffin Wayne Josey
CLASS OF 2017	LECTOR
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	Eric McKnight
CLASS OF 2018	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	Dougie Kirkman & Hannah Jackson
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Ellen Shore & Heather Kirkman