

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

March 13

Joys: Marty Paxton/Carrie Paxton (Rev. Ellen)

Concerns: Andrea Waters (Amy A. Ritchie), Becky Walters (Barbara Shifflett), Ronnie's migraines and nephew (Ronnie Hall), Rick/Diane Mullinax Family (Jimmie Melton)

ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, March 20

PALM SUNDAY

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

11:30 AM – Softball Chicken Dinner Fundraiser in BPC Fellowship Hall

1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

Monday, March 21

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 AM – Sunshine Group

7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, March 23

No supper or G.I.F.T. Program today!

7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, March 24

7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday Service in BPC Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 25

7:00 PM – Good Friday Service in BPC Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 27

EASTER SUNDAY

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

7:15 AM – Sunrise Service in BPC Cemetery

8:00 AM – Easter Breakfast in the BPC Fellowship Hall

9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion

10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201

11:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt and Refreshments

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

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

No supper or G.I.F.T. Program today!
7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, April 2

7:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Senior High Youth Group Yard Sale (sausage biscuits & hotdogs)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Community Garden Work Day at BPC

Sunday, April 3

10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received

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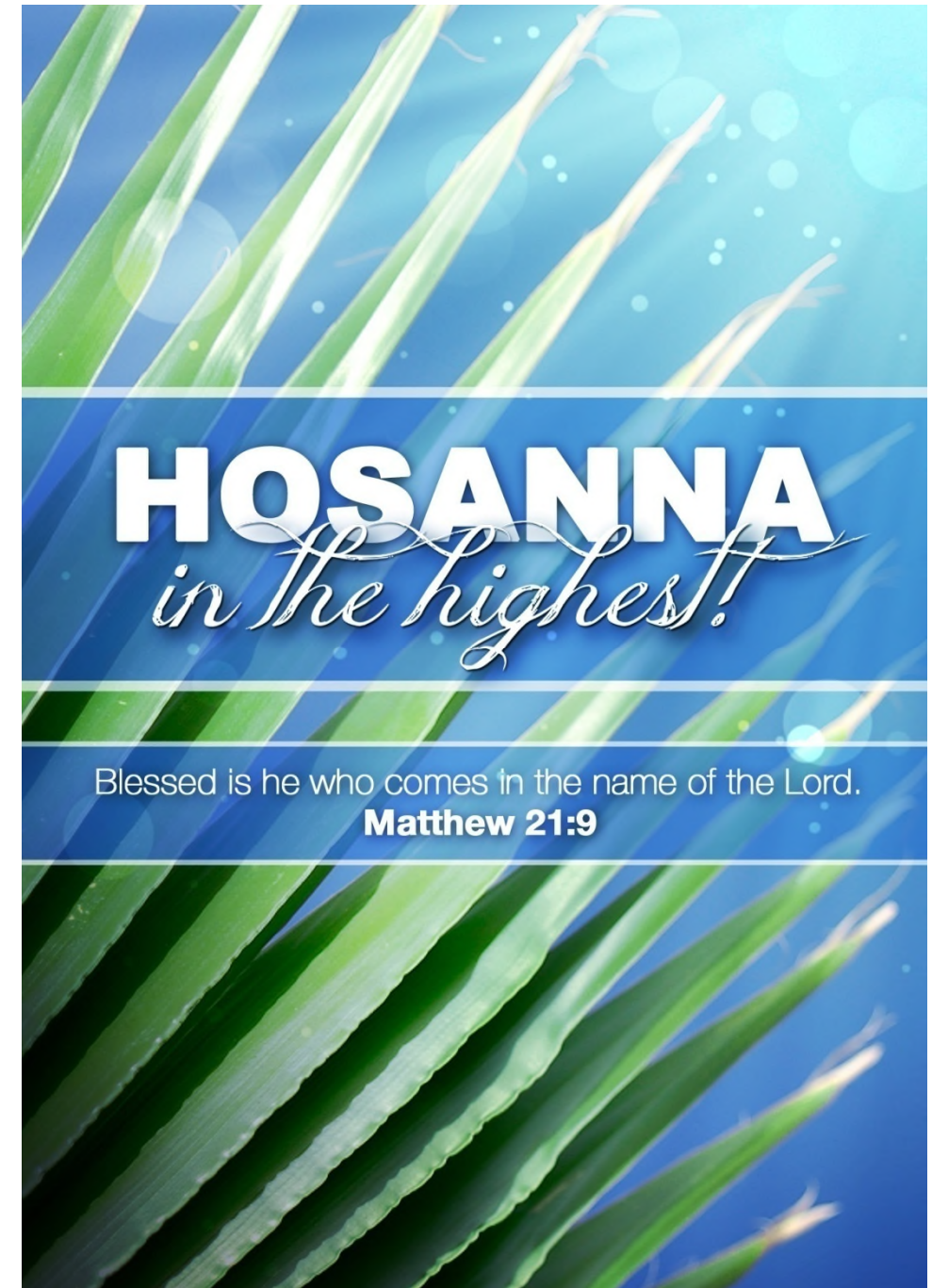
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
March 20, 2016

*“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, March 20	Monday, March 21	Tuesday, March 22	Wednesday, March 23	Thursday, March 24	Friday, March 25	Saturday, March 26
Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1 st Reading: Zech. 9:9-12 2 nd Reading: 1 Tim. 6:12-16 Gospel: Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9 Evening: Psalms 42; 32	Morning: Ps. 119:73-80; 145 1 st Reading: Lamentation 1:1-2, 6-12 2 nd Reading: 2 Cor. 1:1-7 Gospel: Mark 11:12-25 Evening: Psalms 121; 6	Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1 st Reading: Lam. 1:17-22 2 nd Reading: 2 Cor. 1:8-22 Gospel: Mark 11:27-33 Evening: Psalms 25; 91	Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Lam. 2:1-9 2 nd Reading: 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11 Gospel: Mark 12:1-11 Evening: Psalms 27; 51	Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Lam. 2:10-18 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32 Gospel: Mark 14:12-25 Evening: Psalms 126; 102	Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1 st Reading: Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33 2 nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-20 Gospel: John 13:36-38 Evening: Psalms 105; 130	Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1 st Reading: Lam. 3:37-58 2 nd Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16 Gospel: Romans 8:1-11 Evening: Psalms 31; 143

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday**

March 20, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us as messengers of faith for your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PRELUDE "We Shall Behold Him" Arr. by Sandi Patti

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —based on Psalm 118:26, NRSV

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
†Tuba Trio VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

[The congregation is invited to follow the choir in the placing of the palms.
An usher will assist you.]

Refrain
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lords' name comest, the King and blessed One.
Repeat Refrain

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise the prayers and anthems before Thee we present.
Repeat Refrain

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as messengers of your kingdom treasonous. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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 "Hosanna to the King of Israel" Lloyd Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING Zechariah 9:9-10b (Bible, OT p. 884)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26-40 (Bible, NT p. 127)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Bringing Peace to All the Nations"
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

ANTHEM "God of Grace" Keith and Kristyn Getty

***ASSURANCE 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 "Largo" Antonin Dvorak
†Tuba Trio

*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDDTH
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

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 88** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
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Refrain
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Repeat Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring.
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
Repeat Refrain

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

†Tuba Trio: Jacob D. Smith - 9th grader at Cox Mill High School,
Joshua R. Monto - 9th grader at Cox Mill High School,
Jordan T. King - 11th grader at Cox Mill High School

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</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Carrie Paxton
CLASS OF 2016	USHERS Steve and Sandy Gaskey Paula Myers Macky Petrea
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	Ellen Shore & Heather Kirkman