

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 20

Joys: Tuba players – Jacob, Josh, & Jordan (Sherry Childers), Meltons (Hannah Jackson), MaMa Tate (Heather Kirkman), Choir (Glenda Kirkman)

Concerns: Andrea Waters (Amy A. Ritchie), Rick Mullinax (Diane Mullinax)

ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Wednesday, March 30

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

7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, March 31

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

Friday, April 1

3:00 – 6:00 PM – Set up for Senior High Youth Group Yard Sale

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 3

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 – Youth Group at BPC

Tuesday, April 5

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

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Wednesday, April 6

3:00 PM – Staff Meeting

5:45 PM – Supper

6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program

7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, April 7

7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek Park

Sunday, April 10

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!
March 27, 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, March 27 Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1st Reading: Ex. 12:1-14 2nd Reading: John 1:1-18 Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 Evening: Psalms 136; 117</p>	<p>Monday, March 28 Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1st Reading: Ex. 12:14-27 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 Evening: Psalms 124; 115</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 29 Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1st Reading: Exodus 12:28-39 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 15:12-28 Gospel: Mark 16:9-20 Evening: Psalms 66; 116</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 30 Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Exodus 12:40-51 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians (15:29) 30-41 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-16 Evening: Psalms 9; 118</p>	<p>Thursday, March 31 Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Exodus 13:3-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:41-50 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Evening: Psalms 68; 113</p>	<p>Friday, April 1 Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1st Reading: Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 Evening: Psalms 49; 138</p>	<p>Saturday, April 2 Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Reading: Ex. 13:17-14:4 2nd Reading: 2 Cor. 4:16-5:10 Gospel: Mark 12:18-27 Evening: Psalms 23; 114</p>
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**The Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

March 27, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This Resurrection Day, Lord, as we come to worship, may we kneel at the empty tomb, knowing that we are deeply loved and valued. In the garden this Resurrection Day, may we notice the beauty around us, feel the master's presence and hear him whisper our names. This Resurrection Day, may we not miss the message of joy, peace and eternal hope that Easter brings. This day, may we claim our resurrection to eternal life. Amen.

PRELUDE "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Arr. Jeff Bennett

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of the darkness of sin. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 122** "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess a lack of faith that still binds us to the very ills of fear and doubt that this Easter day freed us from so long ago. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your salvation; your power. Help us to look into the eyes of the resurrected Lord and see these bonds of death, sin, fear and limitation broken once and for all, that so freed, our lives might be changed and transformed into living Gospel – living "Good News" for all the world. 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

ANTHEM "Resurrection Suite" Mark Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richie Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 12:3-4a, 6-7, 12-14 (Bible, OT p. 58)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:1-10, 19-23 (Bible, NT p. 114)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Rest of the Story!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Serving the Bread

HYMN 514 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD

Jesus calls us in, sends us out Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus Lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Serving the Cup

HYMN 517 "We Come as Guests Invited" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.

Covering the Elements

HYMN 507 "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound, We'll go our different ways,
and as His people in the world, We'll live and speak his praise,
We'll live and speak his praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us; showing itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. We pray that this same Christ, who's body and blood has atoned for our sins, will fill us forever and empower us anew for lives that are ever strong to serve. Amen.

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS
and OUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**

Offertory "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Mary McDonald
*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDRETH

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 371** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "Breath of God" Keith Getty / Phil Madeira

***POSTLUDE** "Rejoice The Lord is King" Lani Smith

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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.

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 & GREETERS
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Carrie Paxton
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