

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

April 24

Joys: Christ Savior, Dalton's birthday, Kannapolis Area Presbyterian Men
Concerns: Dennis Graybeal and Family (Linda VanPelt), Shirley Smith, Diane Mullinax (Rick), Cassidy Snider (Diane Mullinax), Charlotte/Mallory Penland (Rev. Ellen), Scott and Timisha Waters (Barbara), Becky Eckels, Ronnie (Ellen), Betty Christy and Family

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, May 1
 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, May 3
 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
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, May 4
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, May 5
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Sunday, May 8
 Mother's Day
 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

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, May 9
 7:00 PM – Gathering Time
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, May 10
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in the BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:00 PM – Property Committee
 6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
 7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek
 8:00 PM - Softball Game at Bakers Creek

Wednesday, May 11
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, May 12
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrit Park

Sunday, May 15
PENTECOST SUNDAY
 Pentecost 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
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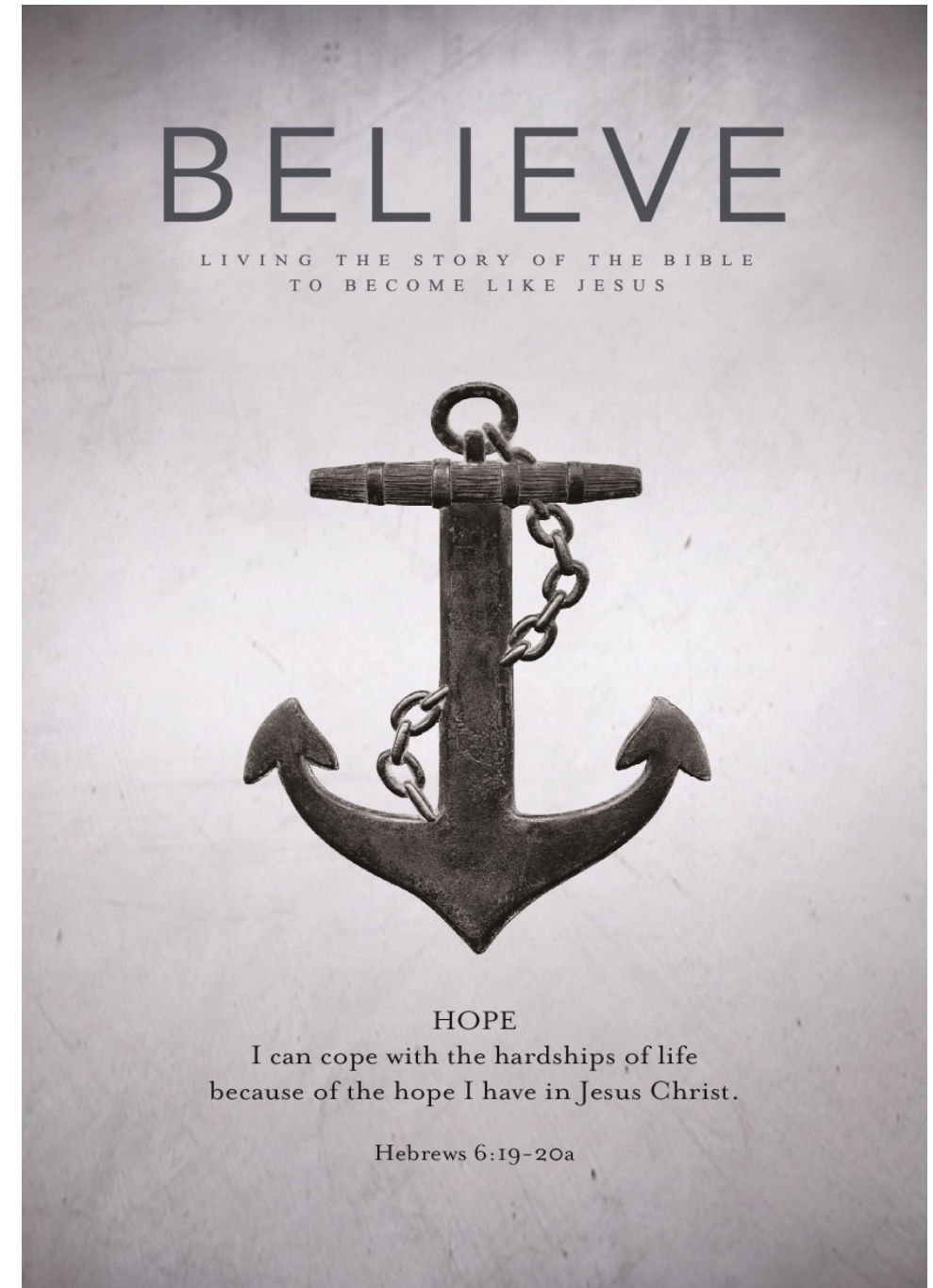


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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
 May 1, 2016

**“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, May 1	Monday, May 2	Tuesday, May 3	Wednesday, May 4	Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6	Saturday, May 7
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1st Reading: Lev. 25:1-17 2nd Reading: James 1:2-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1st Reading: Lev. 25:35-55 2nd Reading: Col. 1:9-14 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-16 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1st Reading: Leviticus 26:1-20 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Lev. 26:27-42 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:41-46 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-14 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:5-18 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 2nd Reading: Eph. 2:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 7:22-27 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Reading: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 2nd Reading: Eph. 2:11-22 Gospel: Matthew 7:28-8:4 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

May 1, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *(Please, prepare your hearts in silence.)*

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

PRELUDE "There Is a Fountain" Davidson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalms 67:1-3

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make his face to shine upon us,

Leader: that your way may be known upon earth,

People: your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise you.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 442** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: For our foolish or careless use of the gifts of your creation, Lord have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For our indifference to the needs of others, our brothers and sisters for whom you died, Christ have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: For our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace in worship and private prayer, Lord have mercy,

People: Lord, have mercy. *(Please, take a moment for silent confession.) Amen.*

***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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Robinson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marcia Graybeal

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-2; 25-31 (Bible, OT p. 667)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 6:19-20a (Bible, NT p. 221)
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SERMON "A Hope Unlike Any Other" Rev. Dr. Michael L. Murdock

***HYMN 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

***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 "Meditation on 'Evan'" Paxton
*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

***HYMN 210** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Rise Up and Serve the Lord" Harris

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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 of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	HEAD USHER Linda VanPelt
CLASS OF 2016	USHERS Eric McKnight Ann Ennis Rick & Diane Mullinax
Roger Hamilton, <i>Asst. Treasurer, Education</i> Matt Josey, <i>Property</i> Diane Mullinax, <i>Nurture</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2017	Marcia Graybeal
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Richie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Education</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY
CLASS OF 2018	<u>Sunday School & Worship</u> Leigh Ann Allen & Emily Scarborough
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP
	Christel Josey & Marsha Johnson