

**PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**May 8**

**Joys:** Mothers (Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner), Amanda Ritchie (Amy A. Ritchie), Choir

**Concerns:** Faye Rodgers (Marcia Graybeal), Baby Ryan, Friend of the Gibson Family, Lisa Christy (Betty Christy)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**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  
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

**Monday, May 16**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Tuesday, May 17**

9:30 AM – Charlotte Presbytery Meeting at Sardis PC  
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Safrat Park

**Wednesday, May 18**

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

**Thursday, May 19**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
 7:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

**Saturday, May 21**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 22**

**TRINITY 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  
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion  
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

**Monday, May 23**

4:00 – 8:00 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 24**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101  
 9:00 AM – Sunshine Group  
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

**Wednesday, May 25**

6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Thursday, May 26**

8:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

**Sunday, May 29**

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  
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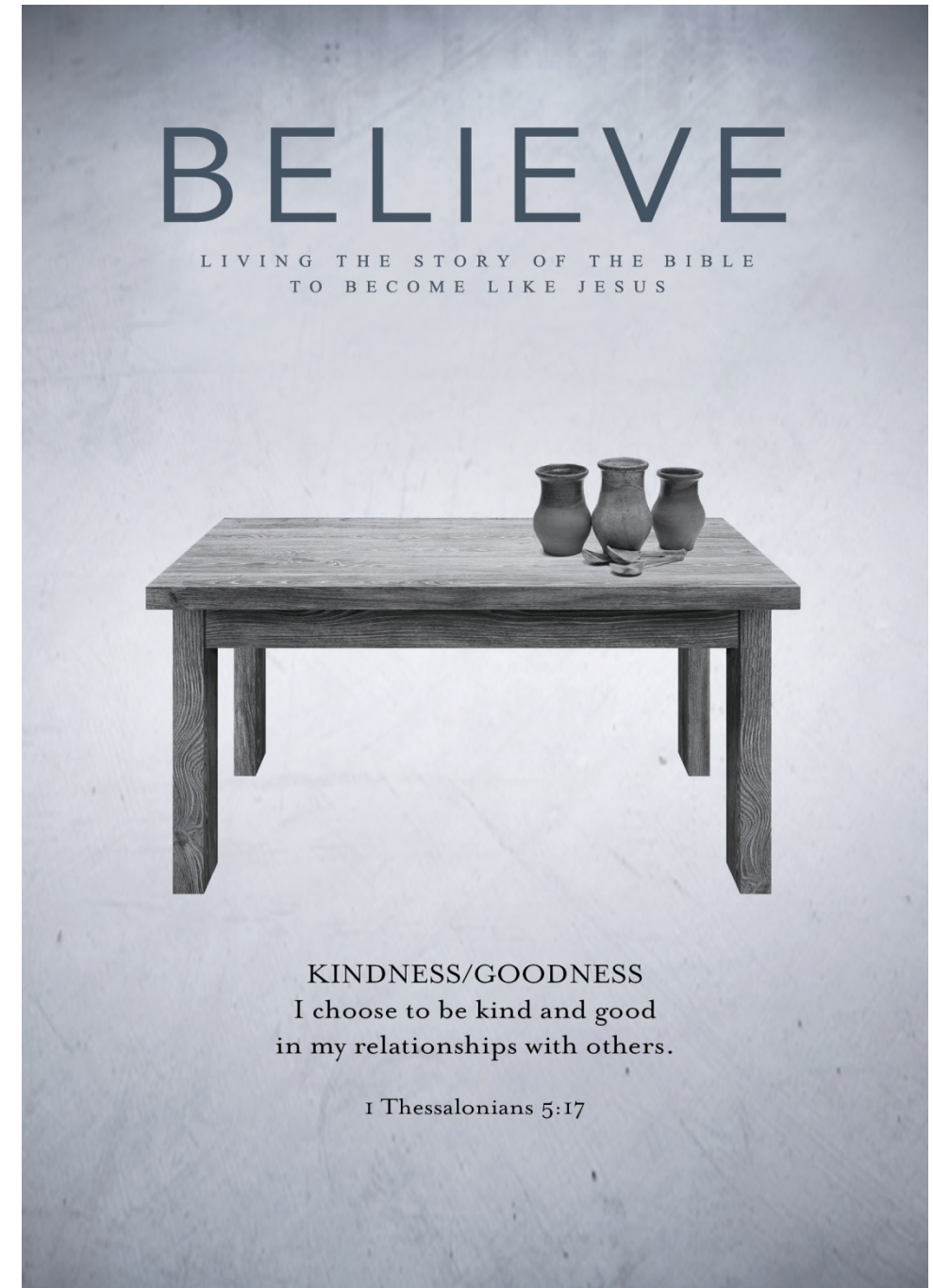
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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
 May 15, 2016

**“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**

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| <p><b>Sunday, May 15</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 104; 150<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Deut. 16:9-12<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> Acts 4:18-21, 23-33<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> John 4:19-26<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 29; 33</p> | <p><b>Monday, May 16</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 5; 145<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Prov. 3:11-20<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 John 3:18-4:6<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 11:1-6<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 82; 29</p> | <p><b>Tuesday, May 17</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 42; 146<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Proverbs 4:1-27<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 John 4:7-21<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 11:7-15<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 102; 133</p> | <p><b>Wednesday, May 18</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Proverbs 6:1-19<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 John 5:1-12<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 11:16-24<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 1; 33</p> | <p><b>Thursday, May 19</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 97; 147:12-20<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Proverbs 7:1-27<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 John 5:13-21<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 11:25-30<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 16; 62</p> | <p><b>Friday, May 20</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 51; 148<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Prov. 8:1-21<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 2 John 1-13<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 12:1-14<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 142; 65</p> | <p><b>Saturday, May 21</b><br/> <i>Morning:</i> Psalms 104; 149<br/> <i>1st Reading:</i> Proverbs 8:22-36<br/> <i>2nd Reading:</i> 3 John 1-15<br/> <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 12:15-21<br/> <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 138; 98</p> |
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**The Service for the Day of Pentecost  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

May 15, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)**

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Dear Lord, I am so very grateful that you have been good, kind and faithful to me. As I come to worship this day, help me to display these same qualities in all my relationships. I trust in you. In Jesus Name. AMEN.

**PRELUDE**

Madeline Misenheimer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;

People: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

ALL: *Come, let us worship God!*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 241** *"Behold the Goodness of Our Lord"* CRIMOND

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: O Lord, we would come to you with the penitence of the prodigal, confessing that we have sinned against heaven and in your sight.

People: **Forgive us Lord!** *(Please take a moment for silent confession)*

Leader: You give freely of the bread of life to all who seek your fullness, and you bestow a father's blessing on every returning wanderer. We have wandered from you. We have used the goods you have given us as though they belonged to us, forgetting that our life and breath and all things are from you.

People: **Forgive us Lord!** *(Please take a moment for silent confession)*

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Leader: Often we have lived as if we had no heavenly Father to thank for his goodness. We sought food for our wants in earthly pleasures, but they were only as husks to our souls.

People: **Hear our cries, Lord. Let us not perish but come home to you!** *(Please take a moment for silent confession)*

Leader: Oh, we thank you and ask, O God, to be merciful to all sinners; especially to me.

ALL: *Grant us forgiveness. 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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Tom Kincaid

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 2 Samuel 9:1-4a, 6-8, 13 (Bible, OT p. 283)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ephesians 4:31-5:2 (Bible, NT p. 194)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *"A Different Path to Walk"* Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*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.**

**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 of the Bread**

**Serving of the Cup**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OFFERINGS and OUR PENTECOST OFFERING**

Offertory

\*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 417** *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* REGENT SQUARE

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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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  |
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| Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i><br>Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i><br>Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>          | <b>HEAD USHER</b><br>Linda VanPelt                                  |
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