

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

May 1

Joys: Chloe Mullinax's birthday

Concerns: The family of Fred Meyers (Ed Kusper's uncle), Margie Wagner (Jenny Linebarrier)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

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
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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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 Safrit 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

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



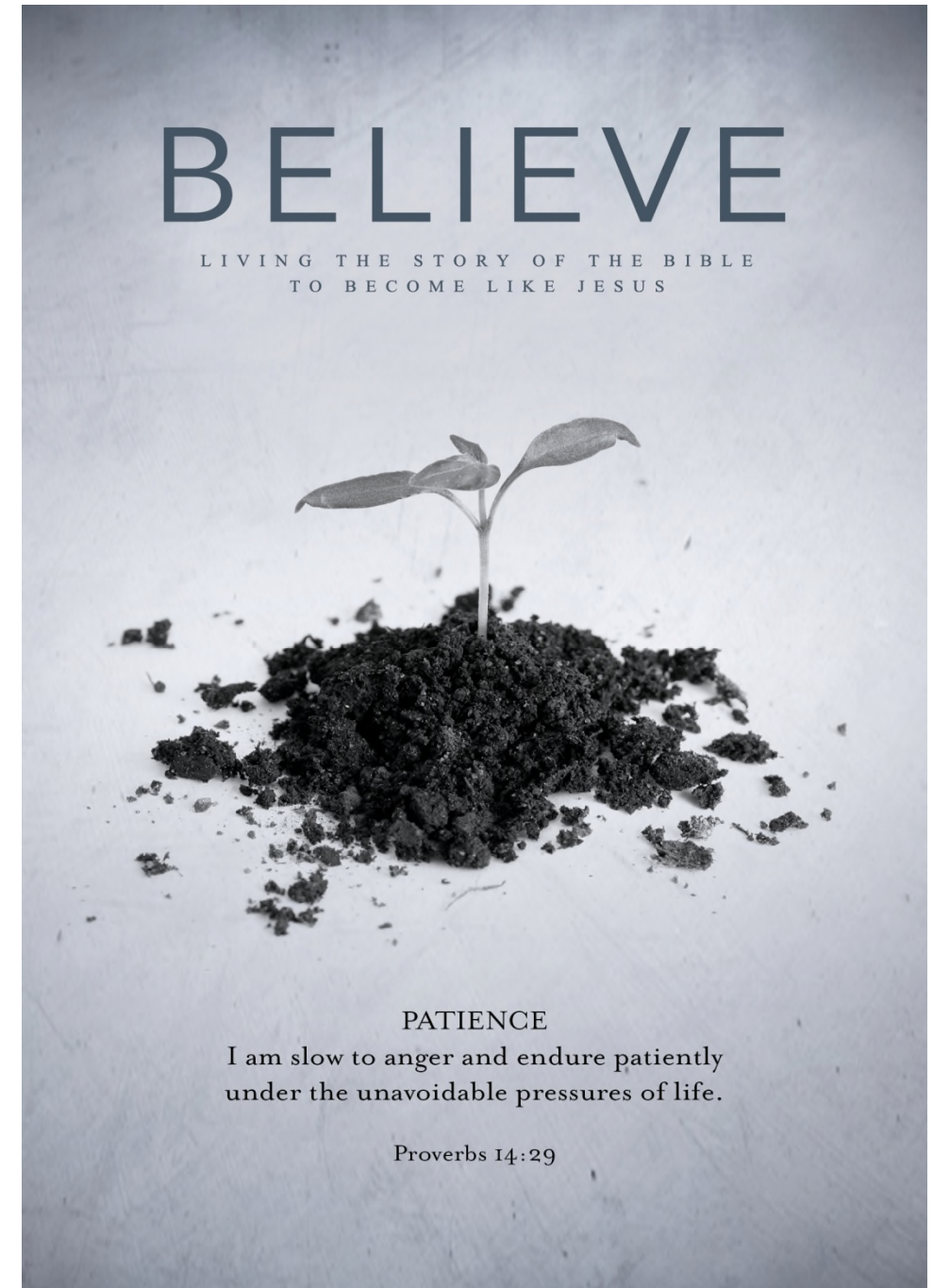
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
May 8, 2016

**“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 8	Monday, May 9	Tuesday, May 10	Wednesday, May 11	Thursday, May 12	Friday, May 13	Saturday, May 14
Morning: Psalms 93; 150 1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-12 2nd Reading: Heb. 12:18-29 Gospel: Luke 10:17-24 Evening: Psalms 136; 117	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 1st Reading: Joshua 1:1-9 2nd Reading: Eph. 3:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17 Evening: Psalms 124; 115	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 1st Reading: 1 Sam. 16:1-13a 2nd Reading: Eph. 3:14-21 Gospel: Matthew 8:18-27 Evening: Psalms 66; 116	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Isaiah 4:2-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 Evening: Psalms 9; 118	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Zechariah 4:1-14 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17-32 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 Evening: Psalms 68; 113	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 1st Reading: Jer. 31:27-34 2nd Reading: Eph. 5:1-32 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-17 Evening: Psalms 49; 138	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 1st Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-27 2nd Reading: Ephesians 6:1-24 Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26 Evening: Psalms 23; 114

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

May 8, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, we have entered this sanctuary, but you are already here, waiting patiently for us. Yet, the world we are coming from is full of hurry and worry; knowing very little of patience and calm. But we should know. We do know! That nothing can rush or thwart your purpose for creation's salvation. Haven't you set the sun to shine day in and day out, mothers to love their children, our savior to rise from the dead? All things are possible through you. Help us to cultivate patience, in our worship this day, knowing that the final outcome is sure; your victory. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Offertory on 'St. Margaret'" Ritter

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 86:15

Leader: Because you, Oh Lord are compassionate and gracious,
People: because you, O Lord are slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness,
 ALL: *we have come this day. Let us worship God!*

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" FESTAL SONG

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Adapted from Psalm 130, NRSV

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
People: Lord, hear my voice!
 Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
 Leader: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.
 Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. *(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 "People Need The Lord" Perkins

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jimmie Melton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 14:1-4, 11-19 (Bible, OT p. 131)
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (Bible, NT p. 185)
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Wings of Patience" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 326** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" MORECAMBE

***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 "Thee We Adore" Ritter
 *Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDETH
**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 555** "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Majestic Postlude" Williams

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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
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