

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

November 20

Joys: Hunter (Christel)

Concerns: Eddie (Christel), Floyd Allen (Amy A. Ritchie), Ann Allen (Amy A. Ritchie), Hannah Jackson (Jimmie Melton), Christ Savior Mission (Ed), Chris & Lauren Steffen (Cheryl Kuser), Carol Wickline (Larry Bland's sister)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, November 27

ADVENT I
Deadline for ordering Christmas trees, wreaths & garlands from Senior Highs
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
11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion

Monday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 30

5:45 PM – Supper
6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Supper
7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, December 3

2:00 – 3:00 PM – Pick up Christmas trees, wreaths & garlands from Senior Highs in BPC Pavilion

Sunday, December 4

ADVENT II
Please bring wrapped Angel tree gifts to the church today!
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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 4 (continued)

10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxton's

Monday, December 5

11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group 3 out to eat at El Amigo's

Wednesday, December 7

5:45 PM – Supper
6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Supper
7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, December 10

9:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast in BPC Fellowship Hall
1:00 – 5:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 11

ADVENT III
Deadline for ordering Lights of Love
8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Covered Dish Breakfast & Hymn Sing in BPC Fellowship Hall
9:55 AM – Worship Service
10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study
11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
2:00 – 6:00 PM – Parents Afternoon Out sponsored by Senior Highs in BPC Fellowship Hall



Hope

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

November 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!

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DAILY LECTIONARY

Sunday, November 27	Monday, November 28	Tuesday, November 29	Wednesday, November 30	Thursday, December 1	Friday, December 2	Saturday, December 3
Morning: Psalms 24; 150 1 st Reading: Isaiah 1:1-9 2 nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Evening: Psalms 25; 110	Morning: Psalms 122; 145 1 st Reading: Isaiah 1:10-20 2 nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel: Luke 20:1-8 Evening: Psalms 40; 67	Morning: Psalms 33; 146 1 st Reading: Isaiah 1:21-31 2 nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 Gospel: Luke 20:9-18 Evening: Psalms 85; 94	Morning: Ps. 50; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-4 2 nd Reading: 1 Thess. 2:13-20 Gospel: Luke 20:19-26 Evening: Psalms 53; 17	Morning: Psalms 18:1-20; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Isaiah 2:5-22 2 nd Reading: 1 Thess. 3:1-13 Gospel: Luke 20:27-40 Evening: Psalms 126; 62	Morning: Psalms 102; 148 1 st Reading: Isaiah 3:1-4:1 2 nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Gospel: Luke 20:41-21:4 Evening: Psalms 130; 16	Morning: Psalms 90; 149 1 st Reading: Isaiah 4:2-6 2 nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19 Evening: Psalms 80; 72

The Service for the Lord's Day
The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Paxton Family

PRELUDE "He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN 9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (in unison)

Forgiving God, we confess to You that there are times when we would rather stay asleep in sin instead of awakening to live in your light. We confess that we would rather be people who do not lay aside the works of night. We do not trust that your armor of light is sufficient for us. Instead, we quarrel, we are jealous and live only to gratify our own desires. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways, in your peace, and in your good. In Christ's name we pray. 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 "The First Song of Isaiah" Jack Noble White

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,
he will be my Savior.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jenny Linebarrier

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:1-5 (Bible, OT p. 631)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 1:4-9 (Bible, NT p. 245)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "HOPE" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 15** "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" LLANGLOFFAN

***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 AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" from the Christmas Oratorio J.S. Bach

*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

**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 63** (verses 1, 4) "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Praeludium in G Major" J.S. Bach

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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.

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 2017	USHERS Curt & Kim Gibson Marty & Carrie Paxton
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR Jenny Linebarrier
CLASS OF 2018	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	Leigh Ann Allen & Sherry Childers
CLASS OF 2019	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	Jill Hamilton & Teresa Kincaid