

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

October 30

Joys: Kevin Hamilton

Concerns: Barbara Fields' grandson, Shirley Smith – Kim Gibson's mother (Rev. Ellen)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, November 6

Consecration Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:15 AM – Communion Talks with Pastor Ellen
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
6:00 PM – Young Adults Small Group at the Paxton's

Monday, November 7

11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Personnel Committee
7:00 PM – Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, November 9

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 13

8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM – Sunday School
9:15 AM – Communion Talks with Pastor Ellen
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 14

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee
7:00 PM – Gathering Time
7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 PM – Property Committee

Wednesday, November 16

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

Thursday, November 17

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat
6:00 – 9:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat

Sunday, November 20

Christ the King Sunday
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
11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
2:00 PM – Hanging of the Greens at BPC



Generosity

*Responding to God's Radical Grace in
Community!
Week 6 – Part 2
Generosity and Wealth*

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

November 6, 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 6	Monday, November 7	Tuesday, November 8	Wednesday, November 9	Thursday, November 10	Friday, November 11	Saturday, November 12
<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 19; 150 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 1:1-13 <i>2nd Reading:</i> 1 Cor. 14:1-12 <i>Gospel:</i> Matthew 20:1-16 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 81; 113	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 135; 145 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 1:15-2:2 <i>2nd Reading:</i> Rev. 18:15-24 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 14:12-24 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 97; 112	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 123; 146 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 2:3-11 <i>2nd Reading:</i> Rev. 19:1-10 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 14:25-35 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 30; 86	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 15; 147:1-11 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 2:12-19 <i>2nd Reading:</i> Rev. 19:11-21 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 15:1-10 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 48; 4	<i>Morning:</i> Ps. 36; 147:12-20 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 2:21-27 <i>2nd Reading:</i> James 1:1-15 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 80; 27	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 130; 148 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 2:28-3:8 <i>2nd Reading:</i> James 1:16-27 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 16:1-9 <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 32; 139	<i>Morning:</i> Psalms 56; 149 <i>1st Reading:</i> Joel 3:9-17 <i>2nd Reading:</i> James 2:1-13 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 16:10-17 (18) <i>Evening:</i> Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious Lord, how wondrous are the riches of those who understand the grace of the cross. As we come to worship this day, we are deeply aware of the unpaid debt, caused by our sin. How can we make restitution? We cannot! But you can and you did with the life of your only Son, Christ Jesus. Father, help us to see the enormity of such a gift; from debtor without hope to Heir of God! May our worship this day be an offering of the only treasure we really possess, the only one you really desire; praise and a life of thanks lived wholly to you! Amen.

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"

Bliss

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Psalm 111

Leader: The Lord has shown his people the power of his works,

People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

Leader: The Lord provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—

ALL: Holy and awesome is his name. Let us come and Worship God!

***HYMN 551**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too: we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend. Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters." Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight: help us to seek your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people you call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with you, We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Hayes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dennis Graybeal

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 16:1-14 (Bible, NT p. 79)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Happy Stewards"

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 375**

"Lord of All Good"

TOULON

***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,

OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING & OUR GIVING FOR 2017

Offertory

"Lyric Piece"

Keeney

Presentation of Estimate of Giving Cards

[Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to lay your cards on the communion table and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, an usher will assist you.]

*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 391**

"Take My Life"

HENDON

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Lewis

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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
CLASS OF 2018	Dennis Graybeal
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2019	Susan Smith & Dougie Kirkman
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	No Children's Worship