

**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).]

**September 25**

**Concerns:** Betty Christy, Marsha Johnson, Charlotte – city and people (Rev. Ellen)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, October 2**

World Communion Sunday  
 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 with Communion  
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201  
 11:20 AM – Bethpage Visioning in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 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, October 3**

11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

**Tuesday, October 4**

10:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study Group 1  
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group 2 & 3 meet together in the Session Room

**Wednesday, October 5**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, October 9**

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

**Monday, October 10**

7:00 PM – Gathering Time  
 7:15 PM – Ministry Area Teams

**Tuesday, October 11**

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

**Wednesday, October 12**

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

**Sunday, October 16**

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



*Generosity*

*Responding to God's Radical Grace in Community!*  
*Week 4 – Part 1*  
*Generosity and Ministry*

**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**October 2, 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, October 2	Monday, October 3	Tuesday, October 4	Wednesday, October 5	Thursday, October 6	Friday, October 7	Saturday, October 8
Morning: Psalm 103; 150 1st Reading: Hosea 5:8-6:6 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2:6-16 Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12 Evening: Psalms 117; 139	Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1st Reading: Hos. 6:7-7:7 2nd Reading: Acts 22:30-23:11 Gospel: Luke 6:39-49 Evening: Psalms 82; 29	Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1st Reading: Hosea 7:8-16 2nd Reading: Acts 23:12-24 Gospel: Luke 7:1-17 Evening: Psalms 102; 133	Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Hosea 8:1-14 2nd Reading: Acts 23:23-35 Gospel: Luke 7:18-35 Evening: Psalms 1; 33	Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Hosea 9:1-9 2nd Reading: Acts 24:1-23 Gospel: Luke 7:36-50 Evening: Psalms 16; 62	Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1st Reading: Hos. 9:10-17 2nd Reading: Acts 24:24-25:12 Gospel: Luke 8:1-15 Evening: Psalms 142; 65	Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1st Reading: Hosea 10:1-15 2nd Reading: Acts 25:13-27 Gospel: Luke 8:16-25 Evening: Psalms 138; 98

The Service for World Communion Sunday  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

October 2, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Prayer by Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Eternal and most Glorious God, you dwell in light which no one can approach, and live and reign forever and ever: we bless you that you have brought us by your grace to see the light of another day. Help us, O Lord, this day to commemorate the rising of our blessed Redeemer; let our hearts be raised to the heavenly world, and to Jesus, who sits at your right hand in glory. May the blessed Holy Spirit visit us with divine influence, and remain with us in our public worship, for without your blessed Spirit's gracious assistance, we can do nothing that is acceptable to you. AMEN.

**PRELUDE**

*"O How I Love Jesus"*

Thygeron

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God's Holy Name.*

**People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**

*Leader: You have turned mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy,*

**People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**ALL:** Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN 482**

*"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

LOBE DEN HERREN

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God and loving Father, We thank you for placing us in a covenant of ministry, in homes, communities, countries, to families, friends and even enemies to whom you have called us to go and share the gospel. Forgive us for taking our vows and promises too lightly. Forgive us for the breakdown of the family of God, for misdirected allegiances, for divisions entered lightly, for failing to give time to your call, for failing to teach and live by your direction, for any neglect or abuse to our children or adults because of an insufficient understanding of your Word. Jesus, our heavenly brother, teach us every day to love and serve you more completely, to cherish and protect those whom you have gifted us with, in minister. Fill our ministry with generosity and devotion. In your 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**

*"He Leadeth Me"*

Bliss

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jean Brown

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Numbers 11:16-17; 24-30 (Bible, OT p. 129)

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 9:49 – 10:2 (Bible, NT p. 70)

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

**SERMON**

*"Ministry as Gift"*

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**

*(Please come forward to receive communion using the center aisle and return using the side aisles.)*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory

*"Allegretto from Symphony No. 7"*

Beethoven

\*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**

*"Walking With the Master"*

Smith

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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
Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner, <i>Moderator</i> Roger Hamilton, <i>Clerk of Session</i> Dennis Graybeal, <i>Treasurer</i>	<b>HEAD USHER</b> Margaret Griffin
<b>CLASS OF 2017</b>	<b>USHERS</b> Dougie & Heather Kirkman Wayne & Christel Josey
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	<b>LECTOR</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2018</b>	Jean Brown
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/ Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)</b>
<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	Jill Hamilton
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	<b>CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
	No Children's Worship