

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 2

Concerns: Hartsell Family, Ann Allen’s cousin (Ann Allen), Scott Knotts (Melissa Knotts)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

4:30 PM – Stewardship Committee
 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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Wednesday, October 19

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

Thursday, October 20

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

Sunday, October 23

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 5

Generosity and Power



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

October 9, 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, October 9 | Monday, October 10 | Tuesday, October 11 | Wednesday, October 12 | Thursday, October 13 | Friday, October 14 | Saturday, October 15 |
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| Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 st Reading: Hos. 11:1-11 2 nd Reading: 1 Cor. 4:9-16 Gospel: Matt. 15:21-28 Evening: Psalms 81; 113 | Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 st Reading: Hosea 11:12-12:1 2 nd Reading: Acts 26:1-23 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39 Evening: Psalms 97; 112 | Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 st Reading: Hosea 12:2-14 2 nd Reading: Acts 26:24-27:8 Gospel: Luke 8:40-56 Evening: Psalms 30; 86 | Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Hosea 13:1-3 2 nd Reading: Acts 27:9-26 Gospel: Luke 9:1-17 Evening: Psalms 48; 4 | Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Hosea 13:4-8 2 nd Reading: Acts 27:27-44 Gospel: Luke 9:18-27 Evening: Psalms 80; 27 | Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 st Reading: Hos. 13:9-16 2 nd Reading: Acts 28:1-16 Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 Evening: Psalms 32; 139 | Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 st Reading: Hosea 14:1-9 2 nd Reading: Acts 28:17-31 Gospel: Luke 9:37-50 Evening: Psalms 118; 111 |

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

October 9, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, we come to worship you on this first day of the week; on your resurrection day. In Christ's triumph over death, you have begun the final scattering of your enemies. As smoke is blown away, so you blow them away. As wax melts before the fire, so the wicked are destroyed before you. We gather today as your righteous by faith. With glad hearts; we come rejoicing before you in our worship. May our purpose be to celebrate with joy all that your loving power and grace has done and is yet to do! Amen.

PRELUDE "Praeludium II" Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Men: The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold!

Women: They are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

ALL: May the words of our mouths in worship this day and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

***HYMN 142** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, Creator of all things. We are astonished at your power and grace, visible around us in every moment. The Creation testifies to your glory! The Resurrection, we celebrate today, trumpets your power. So it is that we are mystified by our willingness to worship any power but yours. We confess, Lord, that we often do put our trust in finite things that only weaken, never empower. We regularly love things that can never satisfy. We have joined in these impotent systems and become partners in abusing the very power and influence for good you created in us. We ask you to forgive the misuse of the holy and high calling of stewardship to your creation. Lord, forgive and save

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us from these sins and the ones we are not even aware we have done. By your grace alone 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 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Diane Mullinax

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 9:1-12 (Bible, OT p. 459)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:1-9 (Bible, NT p. 82)

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

SERMON "He Hurried Down!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 210** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

***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.

WHY I GIVE TO BETHPAGE

Hannah Jackson

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Gaelic Improvisation" Dr. Charles Callahan
*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** (insert) "By Faith" Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Trumpet Tune" Andrew Carter

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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> | HEAD USHER Margaret Griffin |
| CLASS OF 2017 | USHERS Dougie & Heather Kirkman Wayne & Christel Josey |
| Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i> | LECTOR |
| CLASS OF 2018 | Diane Mullinax |
| Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/ Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i> | CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only) |
| CLASS OF 2019 | Judy Petrea & Leslie Gibson |
| Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i> | CHILDREN'S WORSHIP |
| | Kim Gibson & Richie Goodman |