

**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 4**

**Joys:** Ernest Gardner (Rev. Ellen), Toot & Faye Rodgers, Margaret Griffin  
**Concerns:** Chris Ferguson's neighbor (Chris Ferguson), Alice Tarlton (Jill Hamilton), Saints among us – Saint Teresa (Ed)

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, September 11**

8:00 AM – Kannapolis Area Presbyterian Men Breakfast Meeting in BPC Fellowship Hall  
 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

**Monday, September 12**

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

**Tuesday, September 13**

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, September 14**

5:45 PM – Supper  
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program – Mission Night with Fred L. Wilson Elementary School Teachers  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Thursday, September 15**

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM – “Suds of Love” at Harris Laundromat  
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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, September 18**

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, September 19**

7:00 PM – Session Meeting

**Wednesday, September 21**

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

**Sunday, September 25**

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 1

*Generosity and God's Grace*

**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

**September 11, 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, September 11	Monday, September 12	Tuesday, September 13	Wednesday, September 14	Thursday, September 15	Friday, September 16	Saturday, September 17
Morning: Psalms 19; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 38:1, 18-41 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev. 18:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-26 Evening: Psalms 81; 113	Morning: Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 40:1-24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 15:36-16:5 Gospel: John 11:55-12:8 Evening: Psalms 97; 112	Morning: Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 40:1, 41:1-11 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 16:6-15 Gospel: John 12:9-19 Evening: Psalms 30; 86	Morning: Ps. 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 42:1-17 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 16:16-24 Gospel: John 12:20-26 Evening: Psalms 48; 4	Morning: Ps. 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 28:1-28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 16:25-40 Gospel: John 12:27-36a Evening: Psalms 80; 27	Morning: Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Esther 1:1-4, 10-19 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 17:1-15 Gospel: John 12:36b-43 Evening: Psalms 32; 139	Morning: Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Esther 2:5-8, 15-23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 17:16-34 Gospel: John 12:44-50 Evening: Psalms 118; 111

The Service for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 11, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
(RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Amen.

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings" Dr. Charles Callahan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 96

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord; Sing to the Lord, all men and women on earth.

People: We will sing to the Lord and bless his name, proclaiming his triumph day by day.

ALL: We have come to declare his glory among the nations. Great is the Lord!

\*HYMN 276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey, you bless us, but we do not thank you.

People: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

People: Please forgive and help us.

Leader: God, you showed us that while we could not live out your law perfectly, that Jesus Christ could and did for us. Yet we still insist that we CAN be good enough to somehow earn our own salvation.

People: You identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor, but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them.

ALL: You suffered and died an innocent, completely separated from God for the sake of humanity's guilt; but we will not give up our comfortable lives to serve you. Please, forgive and help us Lord in your mercy. Through 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 (Afterwards ages 3 to 8 years old may exit for Children's Worship)

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Roger Hamilton

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:1-8 (Bible, OT p. 866)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:9-17 (Bible, NT p. 81)  
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Generosity: Do we get it?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We praise you and thank you, O Lord, that you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and that you have set a place for us at your table; feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We are grateful for your presence here at table with us and for the gathering of your saints, past, present and future. May the meal we have just eaten so fill our hearts that we will go out strengthened and ready to be your presence in the world today. Amen.

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Adagio from Violin Sonata in G Minor" J.S. Bach, arr. by Homer Whitford  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Doxology 592  
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 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*POSTLUDE "Nun Danket Alle Got" ("Now Thank We All Our God") J.S. Bach, arr. by C.H. Trevor

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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.

USHERS	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
HEAD USHER Christel Josey	Judy Petrea & Rhonda Jones
USHERS Larry & Nelda Riggs Jenny Linebarrier, Macky Petrea	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
LECTOR	Sandra Cox & Richie Goodman
Roger Hamilton	