

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

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

Tuesday, September 27
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunshine Group
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, September 28
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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



Generosity

Responding to God's Radical Grace in Community!
Week 3
Hospitality and God's Grace

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 25, 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 25	Monday, September 26	Tuesday, September 27	Wednesday, September 28	Thursday, September 29	Friday, September 30	Saturday, October 1
Morning: Psalms 108; 150 1 st Reading: Hosea 1:1-2:1 2 nd Reading: James 3:1-13 Gospel: Mt. 13:44-52 Evening: Psalms 66; 23	Morning: Psalms 62; 145 1 st Reading: Hosea 2:2-15 2 nd Reading: Acts 20:17-38 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11 Evening: Psalms 73; 9	Morning: Psalms 12; 146 1 st Reading: Hosea 2:16-23 2 nd Reading: Acts 21:1-14 Gospel: Luke 5:12-26 Evening: Psalms 36; 7	Morning: Ps. 96; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Hosea 3:1-5 2 nd Reading: Acts 21:15-26 Gospel: Luke 5:27-39 Evening: Psalms 132; 134	Morning: Ps. 116; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Hosea 4:1-10 2 nd Reading: Acts 21:27-36 Gospel: Luke 6:1-11 Evening: Psalms 26; 130	Morning: Psalms 84; 148 1 st Reading: Hosea 4:11-19 2 nd Reading: Acts 21:37-22:16 Gospel: Luke 6:12-26 Evening: Psalms 25; 40	Morning: Psalms 63; 149 1 st Reading: Hosea 5:1-7 2 nd Reading: Acts 22:17-29 Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 Evening: Psalms 125; 90

The Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, as we come to worship you this day, we realize that you are a God of great hospitality. For we were made homeless by sin, unable to enter into your presence to worship you. Yet, Christ has reopened the gates into God's presence. By his Spirit, may our worship this day feel like home – coming as we enter into your very presence this day. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Aria" G. F. Handel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** -When We Gather: Psalm 50

Leader: God the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: God says, "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me."

Leader: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor the Lord.

People: To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.

ALL: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 473** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the Church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from making this place home to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. 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 "Here I Am, Lord"
Words and Music by Daniel L. Schutte, Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Heather Kirkman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 (Bible, OT p. 652)
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 "Whose Place Is This Anyway?" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN** (insert) "O God, You Give Welcome" ST. DENIO

***ASSURANCE OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Offertory "Behold, A Rose Breaks into Bloom"
Johannes Brahms, arr. by E. Power Biggs
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** (insert) "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Prelude 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. 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 Christel Josey
CLASS OF 2017	USHERS Larry & Nelda Riggs Jenny Linebarrier Macky Petrea
Steve Gaskey, <i>Fellowship</i> Kim Gibson, <i>Stewardship</i> Carrie Paxton, <i>Christian Education</i>	LECTOR
CLASS OF 2018	Heather Kirkman
Sherry Childers, <i>Personnel</i> Dougie Kirkman, <i>Mission/Evangelism</i> Eric McKnight, <i>Communications</i>	CHILDREN'S NURSERY (Worship only)
CLASS OF 2019	Leigh Ann Allen & Sherry Childers
Connie Goodman, <i>Worship</i> Mark Gurley, <i>Property</i> Christel Josey, <i>Nurture</i>	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
	Glenda Kirkman & Carrie Paxton