

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

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

August 28

Joys: Alice & Aubrey Tarlton (Jill Hamilton)

Concerns: Alice & Aubrey Tarlton (Jill Hamilton), Mark Gurley's Mom (Mark), School staff, teachers & students (Chris), Margaret Griffin (Ann Ennis), Amanda Ritchie – death of her grandfather (Amy & Amanda Ritchie), Brandi Coley – death of her grandfather (Connie Goodman)

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, September 4

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
 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, September 5

Labor Day – Church office closed
 11:00 AM – Nurture Committee

Tuesday, September 6

10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study Group 1
 6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study Group 2 & 3 (Joint meeting in Session Room)

Wednesday, September 7

7:15 PM – Choir

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

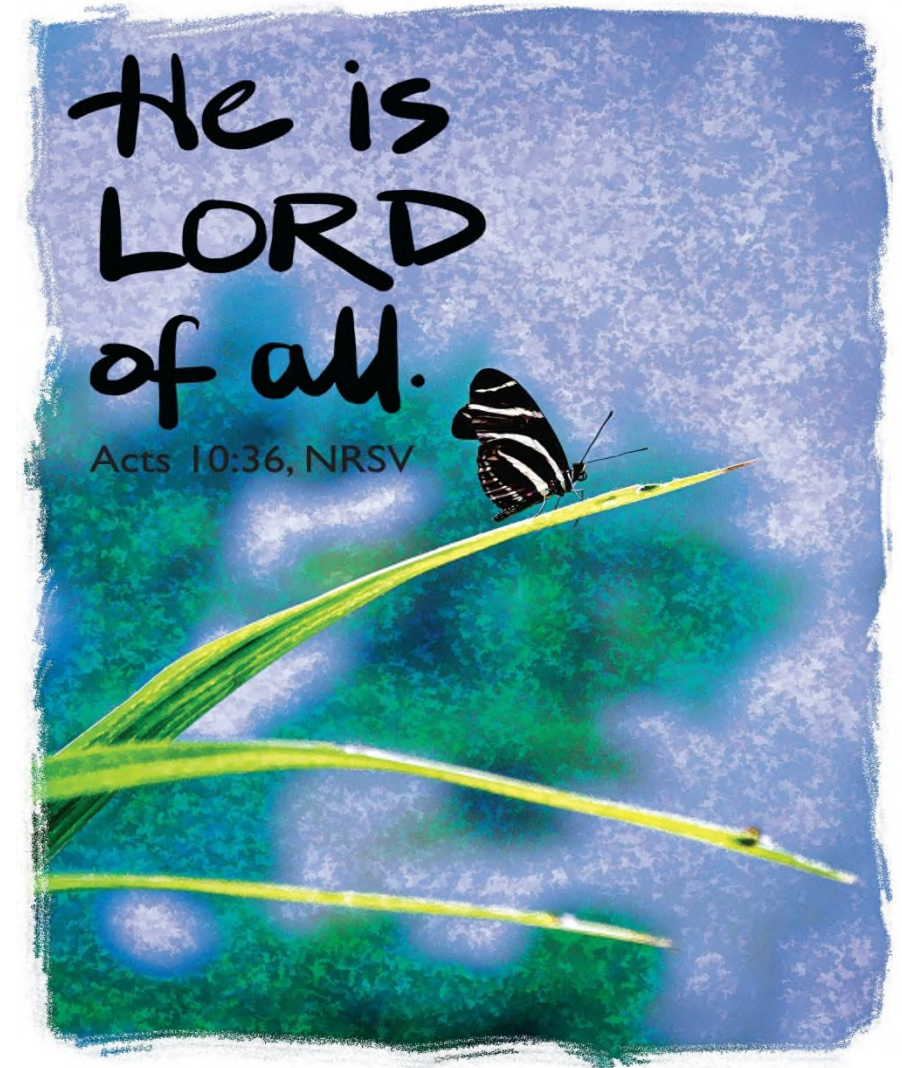
5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program – Mission Night with Fred L. Wilson Elementary School Teachers
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, September 15

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

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



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

September 4, 2016

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DAILY LECTIONARY

| Sunday, September 4 | Monday, September 5 | Tuesday, September 6 | Wednesday, September 7 | Thursday, September 8 | Friday, September 9 | Saturday, September 10 |
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| Morning: Psalms 103; 150 1 st Reading: Job 25:1-6, Job 27:1-6 2 nd Reading: Revelation 14:1-7, 13 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 Evening: Psalms 117; 139 | Morning: Psalms 5; 145 1 st Reading: Job 32:1-10, 32:19-33:1, 33:19-28 2 nd Reading: Acts 13:44-52 Gospel: John 10:19-30 Evening: Psalms 82; 29 | Morning: Psalms 42; 146 1 st Reading: Job 29:1-20 2 nd Reading: Acts 14:1-18 Gospel: John 10:31-42 Evening: Psalms 102; 133 | Morning: Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11 1 st Reading: Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31 2 nd Reading: Acts 14:19-28 Gospel: John 11:1-16 Evening: Psalms 1; 33 | Morning: Ps. 97; 147:12-20 1 st Reading: Job 29:1, 31:1-23 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:1-11 Gospel: John 11:17-29 Evening: Psalms 16; 62 | Morning: Psalms 51; 148 1 st Reading: Job 29:1, 31:24-40 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:12-21 Gospel: John 11:30-44 Evening: Psalms 142; 65 | Morning: Psalms 104; 149 1 st Reading: Job 38:1-17 2 nd Reading: Acts 15:22-35 Gospel: John 11:45-54 Evening: Psalms 138; 98 |

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!

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

September 4, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

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

***WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping, bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. AMEN.

PRELUDE "Enigma Variations" Edgar Elgar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

-adapted from the 100th Psalm

Leader: Worship the LORD with gladness;

People: We will come before him with joyful songs.

ALL: Come, let us do what we were made for; worshipping God!

***HYMN 220** "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDREDTH

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from Pray to the Lord

Loving Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost, who invites the weary and the overburdened to rest, and who heals the hurting; we confess that we have lost our way. Forgive our wayward and willful disobedience. Lead us back to you. Forgive us for every thought, word or deed that has brought hurt to others, harmed ourselves, or dishonored your name. Heal the pain we have caused. Grace us with your Holy Spirit, as you did Cornelius so long ago and lead us once again in the way that leads to eternal life. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Griffin

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Psalm 111 (Bible, OT p. 562)

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

SERMON "Prayers of Praise!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 403** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE

***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
and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING**

Offertory From Messiah "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" G.F. Handel

*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 372** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Toccata" Dietrich Buxtehude

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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.

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 |
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| 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 | Margaret Griffin |
| 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 |
| | Cheryl Kusper & Heather Kirkman |