

Leader continues . . .

All: 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 AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we thank you for setting a table before us and for calling disciples from every place to feast together. We praise you for love that binds and for faith that makes us brothers and sisters. We glorify you for your Spirit at work, building one holy church in the world to serve Jesus Christ, our Lord and Living Savior. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #507

"I Come with Joy"
(verses 1, 2, and 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX" Benedetto Marcello
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Announcements

Community Choir Concert - The BPC Congregation is invited to the Community Choir Concert this **Sunday, May 7th, at 4:00 PM at Bethpage United Methodist Church, 109 Fellowship Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081.**

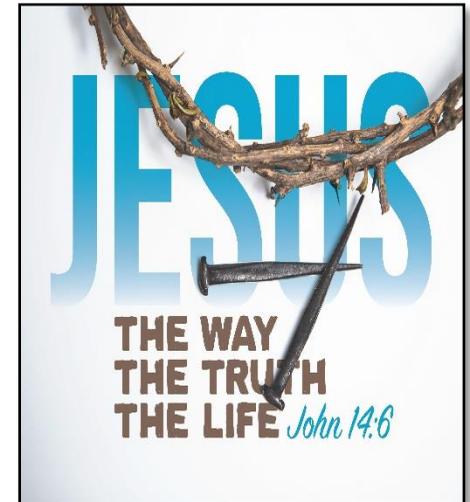
Vacation Bible School - Mark your calendar for VBS, **July 16th - 20th.** Two years through Adults - Sunday, 3:30-7:00 PM, with a water play party, Monday - Thursday, 5:15-8:15 PM. A light supper will be served each day. **Volunteers needed! Call or text Glenda Kirkman at 704-467-3937, glendakirkman@yahoo.com.**

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten.

**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

*"A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow."*

May 7, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Arr. Bill Wolaver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #2270

"He Has Made Me Glad"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

Refrain

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ we have been called to be God's people, a resurrection people?
Have we the courage to worship in Spirit and in Truth, knowing that it may change us?

We have come to seek God.

We have come to be found by the one who seeks us.

Our confidence is not in ourselves but in God alone.

HYMN #469

“Morning Has Broken”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess our transgressions O Lord. For those things we have failed to say and do, we seek Your forgiveness. For actions and words that hurt others, make us aware of our sin and give us the courage to repent and begin again. Forgive us as a people and open our hearts to others who are different from us. May we care about their needs as much as we do our own. Renew us with Your word this day. In the name of Jesus we pray. O Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News. We are blessed with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. By His grace we are forgiven.

Let us live as a forgiven people serving and loving in Jesus’s name.
Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“People Need the Lord”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 100 (Common English Bible)
Romans 14:7-9 (Common English Bible)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:1-9 (Pew Bible, p. 108)

SERMON

Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We put our trust in God, Creator of every blessing. God has traced the divine image on each of our hearts and comes to us in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our hope for ourselves and for all the world is in God alone. To worship God is deep joy. To love God is wondrous freedom. To serve God is our calling. Amen.

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

“Face to Face”

Arr. Don Wyrzten

Doxology *(sung)*

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

For your abounding grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance, and from calamity. Through giving in Christ’s name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of Love. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN

“Come to the Table of Grace”

- 1 -

Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.

This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

- 2 -

Come to the table of love . . .

- 3 -

Come to the table of joy . . .

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader continues . . .

All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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