

CROP Hunger Walk 2024

Come walk with us in the CROP Hunger Walk **this afternoon, October 13th**! If you can't walk, you can still participate by donating funds or signing up to sponsor a walker! **Please make checks payable to Bethpage Presbyterian Church and indicate for CROP Hunger Walk.** All money raised will go to Church World Service to alleviate hunger. **The Walk begins and ends at Kimball Lutheran Church, 101 Vance Street, Kannapolis, NC 28081. Registration starts at 1:00 PM and the Walk starts at 2:00 PM.** For more information or to register online, visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/cabarrus-countync>.

Special Offerings for Victims of Hurricane Helene

The session has approved **two special offerings to be received during the month of October.** We will be receiving money for the victims of Helene in North Carolina, through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They are already working with Western North Carolina Presbytery. And the second offering is to help our PCUSA conference center, Montreat, through the Montreat Hurricane Helene Restoration Fund. **If you would like to give through Tithely using our QR code, there are two funds set up for these offerings, "Disaster Relief Aid" and "Montreat Restoration Aid".** Please be sure to choose the correct fund for where you would like your money to go. If you are going to write a check, please make it payable to Bethpage Presbyterian and mark the memo line, Disaster, or Montreat. Recovery will be an ongoing process. Please keep the victims in your prayers and share from your resources to make a difference for those who have lost so much.



To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds through first grade. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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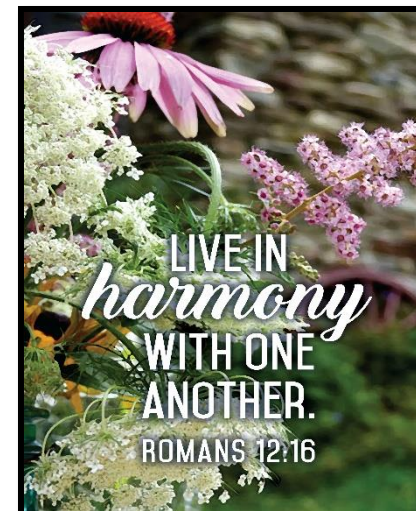
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

**October 13, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, it is from a world divided against itself that we gather into this hallowed place today to worship you. We too want to be healers, reconcilers, and peacemakers. Help us to catch the light of that calling and spread it wherever we go. Because of your love for us and the world in which we live help us embody that love this morning and in our daily lives. Amen.

HYMN #2236

"Gather Us In"
(verses 1, 2, & 4, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God, from whom we receive our life and our identity.

We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ which surpasses understanding.

We come to worship and to praise the source of love and peace.

Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN #423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
 (verses 1 & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, be with us as we walk through the hills and valleys of life. Give us courage to face trials and tribulations. Forgive us when we avoid the challenges and struggles of discipleship. Redeem us when we are ugly and cruel to others. Grant us wisdom to proclaim your word and live your love. Guide us into paths of peace. O Lord, hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen, here is the good news: Jesus said, "The one who comes to me I will not turn away." Jesus Christ has come to forgive us in our failures, to accept us as we are, to set us free, and to make us what we were meant to be. Praise be His name!

Listen, we will. Called, we are. By God's grace and mercy we will live in His freedom and be His disciples. Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED**TIME WITH CHILDREN****ANTHEM**

"Peace, Peace"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 34:11-15 (Common English Bible)

HYMN #333

"Seek Ye First"
 (The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 12:9-18 (Pew Bible, p. 162)
 James 3:17-18 (Common English Bible)

SERMON

"Ministry of Reconciliation" Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Declaration of Faith

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God. In the end the Lord will judge all persons by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness they did or failed to do for the least of their sisters and brothers.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

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

Gracious God, you are the giver and provider of all things. We give thanks for who you are and what you have given. We ask that this offering would honor your name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LITANY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Send Your Peace

GO IN GOD'S NAME**HYMN #386**

"O for a World"
 (verses 1, 2, & 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

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