

### To Our Visitors

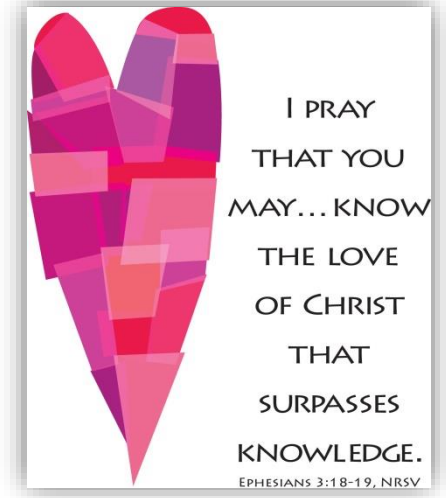
*We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.*

*Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.*

## Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

**October 15, 2023  
10:00 AM**



### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

*"My Tribute"*

**OPENING MUSIC #481** *"Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show"*  
(verse 2 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is God our maker who sets us free to live,

**Who calls us to a life of faith and commitment.**

It is Jesus our Christ who has blazed the trail of new life,

**Who has gone before us to overcome sin and death.**

It is the Spirit of peace that binds us as one,

**Who flows among us like a healing river.**

Let us praise and give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **HYMN #334**

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*  
(verses 1 & 3, Hymns of Grace)



6020 Mooresville Road • Kannapolis NC 28081  
704-933-2209

website: [www.bethpagechurch.org](http://www.bethpagechurch.org)  
e-mail: [info@bethpagechurch.org](mailto:info@bethpagechurch.org)

Rev. Valerie Hicks  
704-712-7533 • [valeriedeehicks@gmail.com](mailto:valeriedeehicks@gmail.com)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

1 John 1:8-9 (NRSV)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, of great mercy, have compassion upon us this day. Forgive us, for we have sinned against you. Even though we try to hide our sins, even though we live in denial of our greatest need, you know us altogether and completely. Bring us out from the shadows, and let your light shine upon us. Reveal to us our need for repentance and renewal. Fill us with the weight of your love until we come to our knees in honest humility We need you, O God. We need your wisdom. We need your patience. We need a new beginning - a beginning that you alone can offer. O God of great mercy, have compassion upon us this day. May Christ work in us and through us. Hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**RESPONSE HYMN #2193**     *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*  
*(Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus said, “I come that you might have life and have it abundantly.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
  
We will accept the new and abundant life and live as forgiven people. Amen.

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**             *“Glory Be to the Father”*             GLORIA PATRI

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**                             *“We All Need Jesus”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**                             Psalm 50 (Psalms Now)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                             Ephesians 3:14-21 (Pew Bible, p. 193)

**SERMON**                             *“If We Deceive Ourselves”*                             Rev. Valerie Hicks

**THE PEOPLE RESPOND**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

**GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING**

Offertory                             *“Song of Hope”*

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

May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Grant to each giver a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time; to share your love with the world. To this end, we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**HYMN #391**                             *“Take My Life”*  
(verses 1, 3, & 6, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-27

The Lord bless you, and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. Amen

**POSTLUDE**                             *“Let All Things Now Living”*  
†   †   †   †   †