

### Special Thanks to Our Guest Pastor

This Sunday we welcome **Rev. Jodi Martin** as our guest for the day to lead us in worship. Rev. Martin moved to Charlotte seven years ago with her husband, Joe B., and two sons, Joseph and Benjamin. Jodi has been a pastor and Christian Educator for 20 years and has served with her husband at churches in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Atlanta. She is a graduate of PSCE now Union Presbyterian Seminary and Columbia Seminary. **We welcome Jodi to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

### 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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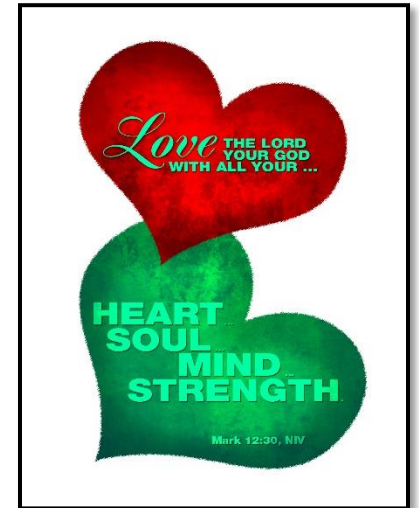
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## Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

October 20, 2024  
10:00 AM



### GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

**OPENING MUSIC** "What a Mighty God We Serve"  
(Choir)

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**We are called to love with all our heart and soul.**

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**We are called to love with all our mind and strength.**

We are called to love the Lord our God.

**And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Come, let us love our God.

**Let us share God's love in this time of worship!**

#### **HYMN #150**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The world teaches us many ways to love, but all are based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us. Hear our silent prayers . . .**  
*(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**RESPONSE HYMN #322**      *“Spirit of the Living God”*  
*(The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are. In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven. In God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope. Friends believe the Good News!

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**RESPONSE**      *“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**      *“We Will Stand”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READINGS**      Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Pew Bible, p. 163)  
Leviticus 19:18 (Pew Bible, p. 106)

**HYMN #339**      *“Be Thou My Vision”*  
*(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      Mark 12:28-34 (Pew Bible, p. 49)

**SERMON**      *“Called to Love”*      Jodi Martin

## **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

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Turn to a neighbor and share:

- A moment from the past week that leads you to be thankful.
- A concern or challenge on your mind today.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**HYMN #341**      *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”*  
*(verses 1 & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

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