

To Our Visitors

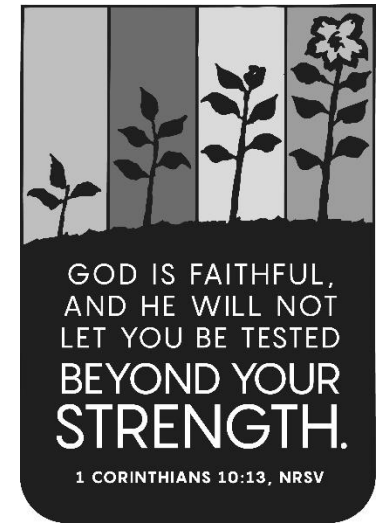
We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

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 22, 2023
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC #2002 *"I Will Call upon the Lord"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We hear all kinds of calls. There are many who are seeking our attention.

But today the call is to worship and our attention is focused on God.

May we be strengthened in our faith and in our focus on God's presence in the days and weeks to come.

This worship time is one of nurture and support so that we might truly be Christ's disciples in the world, living in and through and for him.

HYMN #466

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)



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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. Slow us down that we may recognize your presence with us. 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.)*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ Jesus, our Rock and our Refuge, is walking with us even now. Though God's powerful love and gracious salvation, we are forgiven and renewed. Know that the God of grace is with us today and always.

**We will live as a people drenched in grace, forgiven and renewed.
Alleluia! Amen.**

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"We All Need Jesus"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:4-5 (Pew Bible, p. 502)

HYMN *"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"*

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS John 8:31-32 ([Pew Bible](#), p. 101)
1 Corinthians 10:13 ([Pew Bible](#), p. 172)

SERMON “Pumping Iron” Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Confession of 1967

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Men and women are free to seek their lives within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare . . . to work for justice and peace in society . . . and in other ways to use their creative power for the fulfillment of life. The new life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others . . . knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand except God's grace.

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

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. May we be a part of ushering in your kingdom each and every day. Help us to spread your love and show your grace in a hurting world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #432 *"Song of Hope"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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