

Welcome Guest Musician

We welcome our guest organist today, **Eddie Haigler**. Thank you for adding so much to our service of worship!

Special Offerings for Victims of Hurricane Helene

This is BPC's last Sunday collecting for our **two special offerings for victims and restoration from the effects of Hurricane Helene**. The first offering is for the victims of Helene in North Carolina, through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They are working directly 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 Tithe.ly 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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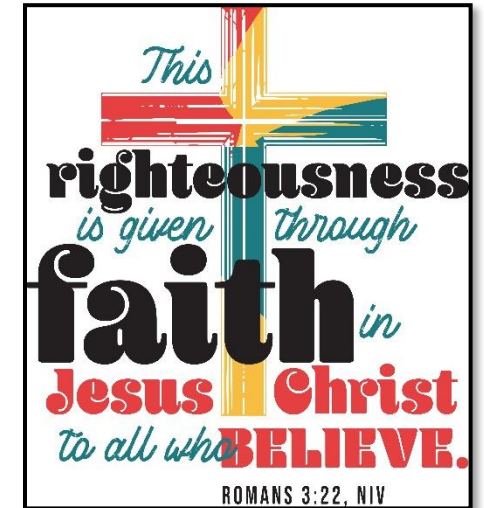
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

October 27, 2024
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC #2150 "Lord Be Glorified"
(verses 1, 3, & 4, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

HYMN #229

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Violence surrounds us and honesty and integrity seem to be no longer prized. O Lord it is hard to live as your people in the world that we find ourselves a part of. Forgive us when we listen to the values of this world and choose to act accordingly. We have become so accustomed to lies and deceit that we are no longer shocked by falseness and duplicity. Images of destruction and murder flash before us until we become numbed rather than outraged. Forgive us. Give us tender hearts, help us to reflect your righteousness, and give us courage to challenge the wrongs we see; through the power of the Holy Spirit. Keep us from being conformed to our culture and shape us for your service. O Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . (*Please take a moment for silent confession.*)

RESPONSE HYMN #2152 “*Change My Heart, O God*”
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rejoice and be glad, people of God, you have been redeemed.

Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us.

In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM “*Find Us Faithful*”

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 119:81-88, 169-176 (The Message)

HYMN #326 “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 3:21-31 (Good News Translation)

SERMON “*A Man of Unrest*” Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith

We believe in God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God’s Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

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

Heavenly Father, you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask, Lord, that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN #260 “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”
(verses 1, 2, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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