

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. Empower us with your Holy Spirit. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise. May we work together as you send us into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #418

"God, Bless Your Church with Strength!"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

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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 Tithe.ly using our QR code, there are two funds set up for these offerings, "Disaster Relief Aid" and "Montreat Restoration Aid"**. 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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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

October 6, 2024
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC #2274 *"Come, All You People"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather around God's table from near and far.

We are the People of God!

Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ!

For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We are One in God's Spirit!

We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus.

For we are the people of Redemption!

He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.

Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!

HYMN #354

"The Church's One Foundation"
(verses 1 & 2, [Hymns of Grace](#))

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us this morning and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord, hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

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

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

Even when our cups run dry,

God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty,

God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren,

God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things. Hear the good news, your sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"One World, One Communion"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 67 (Pew Bible, p. 529)

HYMN #2223 *"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*
 (Sing the Faith Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:1-6 (Pew Bible, p. 193)

SERMON *"The Church Around the Globe"* Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL 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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister continues . . .

**All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister continues . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE