

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"I'm Feeling Fine"

Witness

POSTLUDE

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Special Thanks to Musical Group Witness

This Sunday we welcome Witness, a singing group which began in 1995 at Bethel Presbyterian. DiDi Wayland, the then pastor at Bethel in Cornelius, began a second service and asked Eddie Knox to help. Eddie and Peggy Washam, the church pianist at the time, began the Gospel group. The current group includes: Peggy Washam – Keyboard, Dale Overcash – Keyboard, David Beard – Bass Guitar, Eddie Knox – Tenor, Rod Hagler – Tenor, Mike Knox – Bass, Scott Knox – Baritone.

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.



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

November 12, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"Sing Me A Song"

Witness

CALL TO WORSHIP

And God created the heavens and the earth.

And gave them to us to use and enjoy.

And God breathed life into each of us, and set us upon the earth.

And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.

Everything that fills our souls with gladness and our lives with light is a gift from the loving creator.

We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches. For all this, our God is to be praised.

HYMN #263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(verses 1, 3, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have embraced the sentimentality of our faith and disregarded your demands for justice. We have rejected you and deny your Spirit’s work in our world. Forgive us for our refusal to be active in the building of your kingdom. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Gracious God, have mercy on us and hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is a God of Second Chances. God is a God of New Beginnings.
God makes all things new.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Arise and live a new life in Christ.
We will live as forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM “Don’t Be Afraid” Witness

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46 (responsively)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts. *(continued →)*

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Faith Unlocks the Door” Witness

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 4:10-14 (Pew Bible, p. 95)

SERMON “Thirsty?” Rev. Valerie Hicks

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Longer I Serve Him” Witness

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory “Hallelujah Side” Witness

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 & THE LORD’S PRAYER