

HYMN

"As We Go"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

† † † † †

CCLI License #11234266.

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.



6020 Mooresville Road • Kannapolis NC 28081
704-933-2209

website: www.bethpagechurch.org
e-mail: info@bethpagechurch.org

Rev. Valerie Hicks
704-712-7533 • valeriedeehicks@gmail.com

**Welcome to Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**May 17, 2026
10:00 AM**



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

OPENING MUSIC #2087 *"We Will Glorify the King of Kings"*
(verses 1, 3, & 4, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us gather up all the stray thoughts, hopes and dreams with which we come to this time of worship.

Let us present everything to God today, not holding anything back.

We shall not check our humanity at the door, our sorrows, our pains, our hurts, our hates will be brought before the Lord in worship today.

We know that Christ calls us to worship in spirit and in truth; help us to recognize that this time is ordained by God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, let us worship the Almighty God.

HYMN #96

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
(verses 1, 2, 5, & 6, Hymns of Grace)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, we confess our transgressions that have kept us from living the life that you are calling us to live: scrolling on our phones that deem our hours disposable, indifference that ignores another's need, pride that considered self-superior, greed that only coveted more, compromise that diluted our convictions, gluttony that treated world hunger with disdain, stubbornness that denied apology, prejudice that kept others at arms distance. Pardon our sin and keep us in your fold. We seek your forgiveness in this time of silence . . .

RESPONSE #2025

"As the Deer"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

Hear the good news. This statement is completely reliable and should be universally accepted: Christ Jesus entered the world to rescue sinners. He personally bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

We will believe this good news and will live as people redeemed. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 63:1-8 (CEB)

HYMN #324

"Open My Eyes"
(verse 2 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

John 1:35-38 (CEB)
Mark 10:46-52 (CEB)
John 21:16 (CEB)

SERMON

"Encountering Jesus" Valerie Hicks

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We put our trust in God, creator of every blessing; who has traced the divine image on each of our hearts and who comes to us in Christ, to be for us the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our hope for ourselves and for all the world is in this God alone. To worship God is deep joy; to love God is wondrous freedom. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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

Gracious Lord, we thank you for all of our many gifts. Use us, our time, our money, and our creativity that we would be participants with you in bringing about your kingdom. Help us to serve you, by serving others. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

HYMN #333

"Seek Ye First"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER* (*ecumenical version*)**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.