

GO IN GOD'S NAME

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Go Make a Difference"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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 – Kindergarten. 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 new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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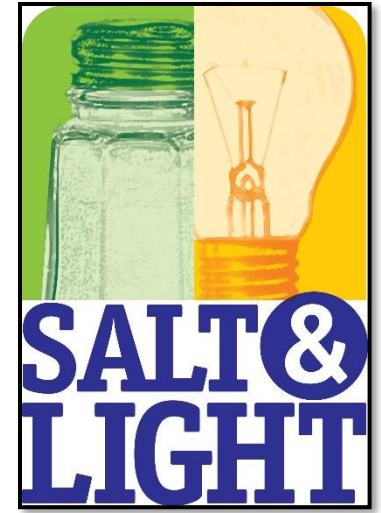
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

May 26, 2024

10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.

Praise our God, who calls us here!

Praise the Immortal, Invisible God!

Praise the Present, Living Christ!

Praise the Creator, who makes all things new!

Praise the Creator, who reigns above!

Praise to Christ Jesus, the fullness of God.

Praise to Christ Jesus, our Prince of Peace!

Praise to the Spirit, our guide and our strength.

Praise to the Spirit, flowing in our lives!

Praise our God, who calls us here!

Let us praise the living God.

HYMN #263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
(verses 1 - 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, how difficult it is for us to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentments and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, and help us to be honest. Creator God, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Have mercy on us, O God, for we have broken Your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with Your truth and raise us by Your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of Your Spirit. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts even the silent cries, and breaks down the strongest barriers to His love and peace. Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

We will live as forgiven people. We have been redeemed. Alleluia! Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM

PANTOMIME

“The Good Samaritan”

Luke 10:25-37

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:17-21 (The Message)

RESPONSE HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:13-14 (Pew Bible, p. 4)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

“Thirsty For Justice”

Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith

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

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

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.

HYMN #2172

“We Are Called”
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER