

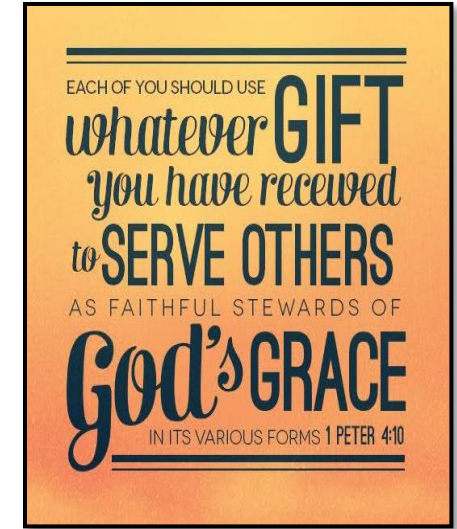
Welcome Guest Musicians

We welcome our guest musicians today, **Don Simmons**, our organist, and **Charlie Kluttz** our pianist. Thank you for adding so much to our service of worship!

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

June 23, 2024
10:00 AM



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.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #139

“Come, Thou Almighty King”
(verse 1 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy to God, all the earth;

Worship with songs and shouts of joy!

Sing praise to God! Play music on the harps!

Blow trumpets and horns, and shout for joy to the Holy One of Israel!

Roar, sea, and every creature in you;

Sing, earth, and all who live on you!

Clap your hands, you rivers; you hills, sing together before God.

God comes to rule the earth, and to govern the peoples of the earth with justice and fairness.



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross.
(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE HYMN #2152 *“Change My Heart, O God”*

GOD’S GRACE AND PROMISE

You are forgiven, so rejoice! You are loved, so give thanks! You are renewed, so lift up your hearts and receive the freedom that comes with a new life in Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“The Goodness of God”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:28-31 (Pew Bible, p. 668)

RESPONSE HYMN #333 *“Seek Ye First”*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 4:7-11 (The Message)

SERMON *“Used By God”, 1 Kings 17:8-24* Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

GLORIA PATRI

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*

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

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work among people. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your own loyal community. In Christ’s name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN #324 *“Open My Eyes That I May See”*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*
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