

# Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

July 21, 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.*



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## GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **HYMN**

*“Step by Step”*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is a day full of new potential!

**It is a day when God’s call to worship brings us to this place.**

We are here as God’s people not because we are particularly good people, but because Jesus has forgiven us and promised us newness of life.

**May God in Christ be truly praised this hour. May our life as the people of God also be an act of worship that goes far beyond today.**

Let us worship God.

### **HYMN #482**

*“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Lord, do not let us do more if in doing less we might do it better. Do not let us acquire more if in the living with less we might know you better. We are easily swayed by size, equating quantity with quality, wealth with security, and applause with popularity. Forgive us for spreading ourselves too thin for the sake of appearances. Permit us to amend our ways lest we miss the teacher on the hillside and the Christ on the cross. Hear our silent prayers as we come to you in humility . . .  
*(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**RESPONSE HYMN #2025**      *“As the Deer”*  
*(Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

## ***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***

It is hard for us to believe or to understand Christ’s great love for us.  
**Yet the meaning is clear: Christ lived for us. Christ died for us.**  
Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us.  
**Christ prays for us.**  
Friends, we are forgiven.  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### ***TIME WITH CHILDREN***

**ANTHEM**                      *“We Walk By Faith”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**              1 Kings 19:7-9, 11-15 (Pew Bible, p. 326)

**RESPONSE HYMN**                      *“Listen to the Word”*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**              Matthew 14:22-33(The Message)

**SERMON**                              *“God Comes”*                      Valerie Hicks

## **THE 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.

**HYMN**                              *“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

**God of all grace and goodness, throughout the ages you have looked after the needs of your children; we thank you for your mercy. Bless the words we speak, that they may proclaim your greatness. Look with favor on those acts we perform, that we may show others your tender love. Make us responsive to the high calling of Jesus, as we offer you gifts in his name. Amen.**

**HYMN #430**                              *“Come Sing, O Church, In Joy”*  
*(verses 1, 2, & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

### ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER***

#### **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**HYMN**                              *“Go Make a Difference”*

### ***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION***

### ***POSTLUDE***

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