

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"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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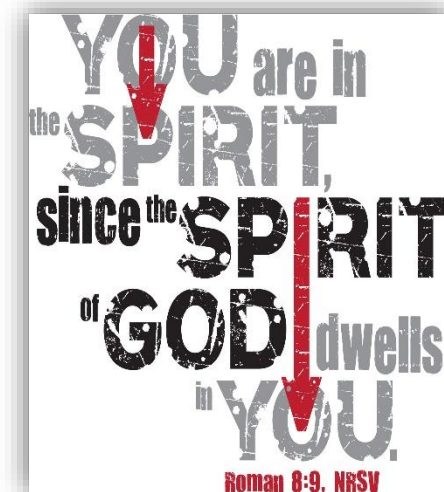
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**July 7, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC #485 *"To God Be the Glory"*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's,
And all who dwell in it.
God's greatness is wondrous to behold.
From the beauty of the mountains to the roar of the sea,
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.
May God's ways be known upon the earth,
So that his salvation becomes known among all the nations.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

HYMN #564

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”
(verses 1, 2, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations, we praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to those of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver us from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Help us perceive the opportunities You place before us. We are often caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and crushed when they disappoint us. Forgive us when we are slow to see the open pathways You set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life You offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #322 *“Spirit of the Living God”*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Listen, here is the good news: Jesus said, “The one who comes to me I will not turn away.” Jesus Christ has come to forgive us in our failures, to accept us as we are, to set us free, and to make us what we were meant to be.

Listen, we will. Called, we are. By God’s grace and mercy we will live in His freedom and be His disciples. Praise be His name!

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 33:10-15, 20-22 (Common English Bible)

RESPONSE HYMN *“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken”*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:5-11(The Message)

SERMON *“It’s On The Money”* Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith

God rules over both political and religious institutions. We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God. We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations. We believe God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane. We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We acknowledge God is at work here and now. Amen.

HYMN *“Glory Be to the Father”* GLORIA PATRI

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL 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

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.

HYMN *“This Is My Song”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Contemporary English Version

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. For You are the sovereign, the power and the glory forever. Amen.