

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #535

“Go With Us, Lord”
(sing two times, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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There will be a **Blessing of Backpacks** today during the Time with Children.

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.



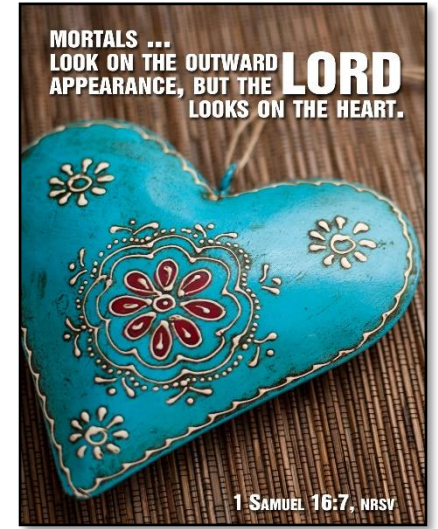
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**August 18, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Get Up! Get going!

We are too tired and weary to be energetic.

Wake up to the possibilities of God’s surprises!

We are not sure we can break out of our old ruts.

Arise and open your hearts. This is a new day.

We gather as the community of faith. Praise God for the Spirit’s renewal.

HYMN #315

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

OPENING PRAYER

We come to you O God, drawn by the power of your love. We come to hear your good news. We come to find new life. We come to satisfy our thirst for your holy word. We come to feed our hunger for your love. Satisfy our desire for you, and give us your peace, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have sought to follow you without counting the costs. Our tanks are half full. We have hidden in the crowd, ignoring Christ’s call to pick up our cross and follow him. Help us take stock of our motives, our intentions, and our needs for the journey, that we may finish the course in faith. O Lord, forgive us for the things we have said and done that do not bring you honor. We confess that we often neglect to live and do the things that you desire. Hear our silent prayers . . .
(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE HYMN #316 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

God makes all things new.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 5:8-10 (CEB)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 (The Message)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 16:14-23 (The Message)

SERMON *“As God Sees”* Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

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

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 God, we ask that you would receive these gifts that we bring. By the power of your Spirit, multiply them and use them to bring peace, justice, hope, and the good news of Jesus Christ to all the world. Amen.

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.