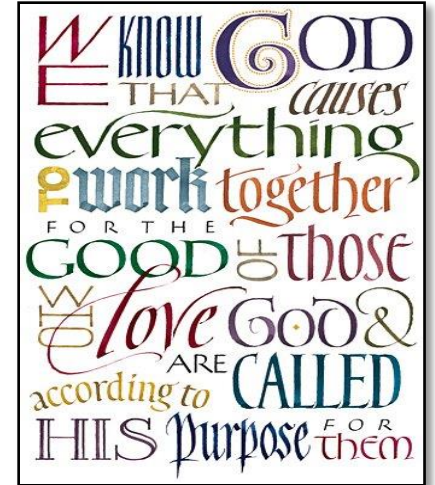


**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**August 25, 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 MUSIC #2013

*“Bless the Lord”
(sing two times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us in the midst of our lives:

Pause a while and know that I am God.

God calls us from our lofty ambitions, our haughtiness, from our preoccupations with marvels and matters beyond our scope;

Let be and learn that I am God.

Come, behold the astounding things God has done in the world.

God is our shelter, our strength, ever ready to help in times of trouble.

People of God, hope in our God.

Enough for us to calm and quiet our souls, like a child quieted at its mother’s breast.

God is with us now and forevermore!

Amen.

HYMN #476

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”
(verses 1, 4, & 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Powerful, gentle God, you can take desert waste and make it grow into fruitful land. We need your power to change life. Our lives are so often full of drudgery. Habitually we forget to live thankful lives, and we get bogged down in self-pity and blame. Empower us, God. Help us feel your Spirit changing us, each day, that our lives may be full and glowing in your love. Through the Spirit, whose breath sustains us, we pray. 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

This is the good news in Jesus Christ: God loves us more than we love ourselves. We are forgiven and made whole.

May we love others as we are loved. May we live lives of forgiveness.
Alleluia, Amen!

RESPONSE

“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 103:1-5 (Pew Bible, p. 554)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:28 (Pew Bible, p. 158)

SERMON

“Asking the Right Questions”

Valerie Hicks

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 Jesus, use these gifts to bring about your kingdom here on earth. Help us to live out our calling to be your faithful disciples. Show us how to give, and love, and forgive others so that we might model a Christ-like life. Amen.

HYMN

“Our Hope, Our Life”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN

“Go Make a Difference”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with thanksgiving for all God has done.

We go with hope for all Christ will do.

Go with joy for the Spirit is with us.

We go into the world with steadfast love.

POSTLUDE

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