

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"May the God of Hope Go with Us"

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.

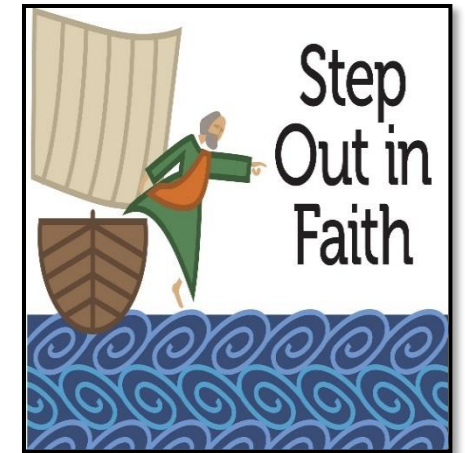
Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship 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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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**August 4, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth and ever constant in watchfulness and care.

The Lord knows us by name, and although our praise and worship may falter, God remains faithful.

Lord, Most High, we are humbled by your care and love.

Gather us now as we offer ourselves to you in worship.

OPENING MUSIC #2088

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 96 ([Psalms Now](#))

HYMN #285

*"God You Spin the Whirling Planets"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed Christ, we want an easy religion of familiar phrases and hymns, rather than be challenged to face reality as it is. Help us as we live out our faith in difficult situations with impossible people and trying decisions. We do not pray for easy lives. We pray to be stronger people. We do not pray for tasks equal to our power. We pray for power equal to our tasks. May the knowledge of your forgiveness and love open us to the creative strength and power of your Spirit. We confess that we do not live up to all that you want us to be. Forgive us when we go our own way rather than seeking you and your way. May we know your will and do it in every area of life. O Lord, hear our silent prayers. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #345

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
(verse 1 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The scripture resounds with hope and healing. We are forgiven, our memories of past failures are being erased.

The renewal that comes from God's word purifies and heals us.

In Jesus Christ, our transgressions are forgiven, God sees us as pristine and clean as a new fallen snow. Let us live then as a forgiven people.

Alleluia! Praise be to God. Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Seekers of Your Heart"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9 (Pew Bible, p. 685)

RESPONSE HYMN

"Listen to the Word The God Has Spoken"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 14:22-33(NIV)

SERMON

"Boat Potatoes"

Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

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

Searching God, wrap our offering in mission, redemption, and hope, for those we may never see, whose cries we may never hear, whose pain we cannot know, whose souls need the nourishment only the Word can provide and only salvation can bring, through the Christ of the ages. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be more faithful disciples proclaiming your word and sharing your love. May we live as peacemakers forgiving others as we have been forgiven. Fill us with your Spirit as we go out into the world as your ambassadors. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray. Amen.