

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 28:18-20 ([Pew Bible](#), p. 34)

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN

"Go Make a Difference"

**Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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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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.

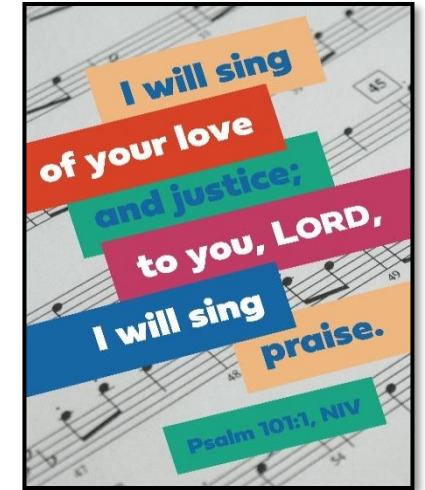
Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds through first grade. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our 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."*

September 1, 2024
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC #2088 *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*
([Sing the Faith Hymnal](#))

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.
Praise our God, who calls us here!
Praise the majestic and sovereign God!
Praise the Present, Living Christ!
Praise the Creator, who makes all things new!
Praise the Creator, who reigns above!
Praise to Christ Jesus, the fullness of God.
Praise to Christ Jesus, our Prince of Peace!
Praise to the Spirit, our guide and our strength.
Praise to the Spirit, flowing in our lives!
Praise our God, who calls us here!
Let us praise the living God.

HYMN #138

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"
([The Presbyterian Hymnal](#))

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and most merciful God, in Your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from Your paths, wasting Your gifts, and underestimating Your love. Have mercy on us, O God, for we have broken Your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with Your truth and raise us by Your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of Your Spirit. Hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #280

"Amazing Grace"
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: "Your sins are forgiven; go and sin no more.

Every day is an opportunity to decide again that this new day shall not be like the others; that as of this moment, a new person is being created.

We are free from bondage to our past. We are free to live fully in the present. The future is open.

Let us rejoice in this transforming power of our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE

"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 96:1-10 (English Standard Version)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. *(continued →)*

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (Pew Bible, p. 163)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 4:16 (Pew Bible, p. 241)

PRAISING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

Hymn Sing

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe we are not Christians because we are good; we are Christians because God is good. We believe we are not saved because we earned salvation; we are saved because God, in Christ, graced us with salvation. We believe we did not by chance discover God; we recognized God constantly getting through to us. We believe we are not the creators of this world. God created us and the world that we might tend the land and enjoy the fruits thereof. We believe we did not first serve the Lord; the Lord first gave to us. Therefore, we were loved by God into existence, before we loved God in commitment. The initial step was God's, the follow-up is ours. We believe our response to all God has done for us is life shaping and of eternal consequence. We assert anew our allegiance to God and to Jesus, the son, through whom we have been given all that we have and by whom we are made whole. Amen

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