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**To Our Visitors**

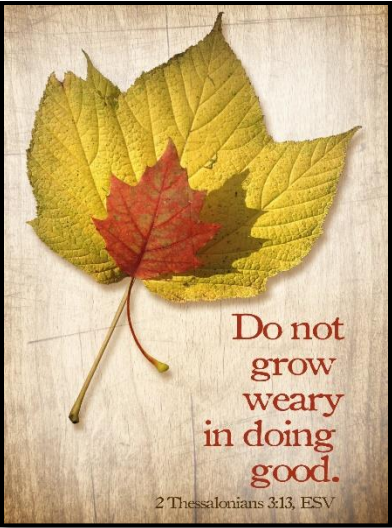
*We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.*

*Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.*

**Welcome to  
Bethpage  
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**September 10, 2023  
10:00 AM**



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“Gentle Shepherd”*

**OPENING MUSIC #2274**

*“Come, All You People”  
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.**



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***HYMN #229***

*"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

**Eternal God, Forgive us when we let the sounds of this world drown out your voice. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, we come seeking your forgiveness. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with others in the family of faith we may help to establish the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. May we serve you with faith, hope, and love from this day onward. Hear our silent confessions . . .** *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**RESPONSE HYMN #2152** *“Change My Heart, O God”*  
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

## ***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***

When we are faithless, God remains faithful.

## When we turn away from God, God reaches toward us.

Friends believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**We will live as a forgiven people. Alleluia! Amen.**

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

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

**ANTHEM** *"There's Something About That Name"*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Daniel 6:16-23 (Pew Bible, p. 827)

**HYMN** *"Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken"*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 (Pew Bible, p. 207)

**SERMON**                      "Great American Half-Truth"                      Rev. Valerie Hicks

## THE PEOPLE RESPOND

## ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

## The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING***

## Offertory

Amber McCullough

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

**In our giving, O Lord, hear our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are and all that we have. Bless these gifts for your mission in the world. Use us and these offerings to bring you glory in ways that we can't even imagine. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## ***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN** *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”*

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