

Please sign up for Wednesday Night's dinner by emailing bpcsignups@gmail.com.

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.



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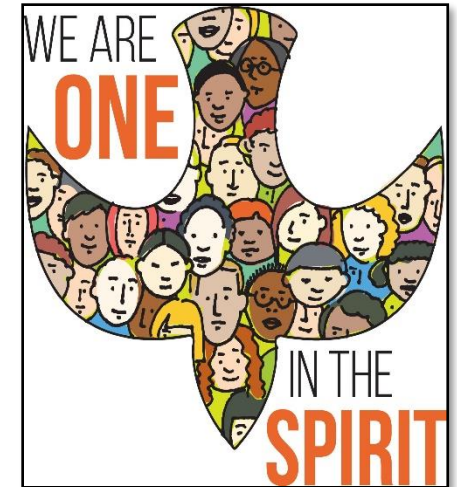
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

September 17, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

O God who never changes, be with us this day, as we gather in the face of an ever-changing world. We seek Your steadfast mercy and Your unconditional love. We seek Your guidance through the Holy Spirit, as we face competing demands for our loyalty. We seek the salvation that comes through Your Son, Jesus Christ. May our comfort be in You alone, O God, through all the circumstances of our lives. Amen.

OPENING MUSIC #2164

"Sanctuary"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has made us for glory!
God's love never ends.
 Christ has saved us for praise!
Christ's faithfulness never ends.
 The Holy spirit has made us whole!
The Spirit's healing never ends.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
(verses 1, 3, & 5, Hymns of Grace)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, be our God. We have forgotten who you are. We have turned away from what is right and good. We have embraced the sentimentality of our faith and disregarded your demands for justice. We have rejected Christ as out of date and impractical. We set our minds on things of the earth rather than on your will. O God, we do not want to continue our destructive ways. Grant that we may see and believe the fullness of life you intend for us. Strengthen us to live as a resurrection people. Gracious God, have mercy on us and 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

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Live as God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you.

**We rejoice in God's mercy and will live as forgiven people. Alleluia!
Amen.**

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"Song of Isaiah"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV)

HYMN #326 *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:1-3 (Common English Bible)

SERMON "My Life" Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, abilities, and time. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. We declare that Jesus is Lord.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory Amber McCullough, Richie Goodman, Heather Goodman

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

Generous Creator, You give us everything we need. Help us to respond to your generosity with grateful hearts and giving spirits. May our offering be a concrete way for us to demonstrate our love. Bless these gifts given in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #369 *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"We Will Glorify"*

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