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To Our Visitors

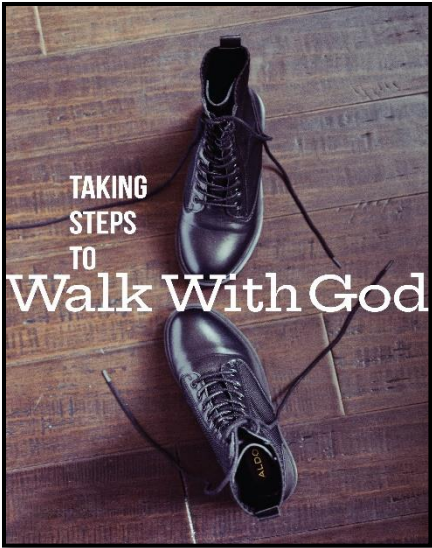
We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

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 24, 2023
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“Shout to the North/Rise Up, O Church of God”*

OPENING MUSIC #2037 *“I Sing Praises to Your Name”*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other.

And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.

So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

HYMN *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”*



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of gentleness and power, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we have turned away from You. Forgive us the times we have not used the spiritual gifts You have given us, the times when we have neglected those who need us, the oppressed, the poor, the imprisoned. You have called us to be Your servants, yet we are so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail others. Forgive us when we go off on our own way and ignore your grace in our lives. Strengthen us once again with Your power. Guide us and give us courage to serve You with all that we are. O Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #403 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"The Prayer"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10 (Pew Bible, p. 502)

HYMN #324 *“Open My Eyes That I May See”*
(verse 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 6:1-10 (The Message)

SERMON *"Keys to Christian Living"* Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We put our trust in God, Creator of every blessing. God has traced the divine image on each of our hearts and comes to us in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Our hope for ourselves and for all the world is in God alone. To worship God is deep joy. To love God is wondrous freedom. To serve God is our calling. Amen.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory *"Hallelujah! What A Savior!"*

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

Abundant God, out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering with renewed dedication to you. Please take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #343 *“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

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