

THE SENDING

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Arr. Carol Tornquist

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make plans to come **Wednesday night, September 28th**, to hear our guest, **Mania Talia, who is an International Peacemaker and Climate Justice Advocate** from Tuvalu, an island nation in the South Pacific. Dinner is at 5:30 and the menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. Sign up on the sign-up sheet this Sunday or email to events@bethpagechurch.org.

Workshop for children ages 5-9 on the Lord's Supper will be held Friday, September 30th at 4:30 PM. The kids will be baking communion bread and learning about the sacrament. Call or text Valerie 704-712-7533 to sign up.

THIS WEEK AT BPC	LOOKING AHEAD
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The Cabarrus County LunchPlus Club for Seniors provides Indoor Dining and Meal Pickup in the BPC Fellowship Hall, Monday – Friday. Doors open 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Lunch serving times 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM.

Sunday, September 25

9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service Outdoors followed by Lunch and BPC's Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, September 27

6:30 PM – Kannapolis Area Presbyterian Men Meeting at Second PC

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 PM – GIFT Program
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 29

10:00 AM – Revive Bible Study
6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 30

4:30 PM – Lord's Supper Workshop for Children (ages 5-9)

Sunday, October 2

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM – Circle 1 in Session Room

Wednesday, October 5

5:30 PM – GIFT Program
7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

10:00 AM – Revive Bible Study
6:30 PM – Community Choir in BPC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 9

9:00 AM – Children's Sunday School – Room 202
9:00 AM – Sunday School – Room 200
10:00 AM – Worship Service
2:00 PM – CROP Hunger Walk begins at Kimball Lutheran Church (Registration begins at 1:00 PM)
4:00 – 6:00 PM – Conversations of Hope with Ada Bowens in BPC Fellowship Hall



Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!
September 25, 2022

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

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!



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The Service for the Lord's Day

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" Arr. Carol Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to share in our love of God.

Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. Amen.

HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above
Here's my heart
Oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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 you and deny your Spirit's work in our world. Forgive us for our refusal to be active in the building of your kingdom. Gracious God, have mercy on us and hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jean Brown

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:9-14

SERMON "Plugging In" Rev. Valerie Hicks

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, maker of all things, provider of all things, who loves all people. We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us: he sees us for who we are, heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new. In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life. We live by the power of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us for self-giving love. We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ, and for the gift of forgiveness, the power of resurrection and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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

For all your saints, O God, who have guided our lives, for all the ways you have saved us from ourselves, for all the times your love has been poured out on us, we give you thanks. We thank you for Bethpage Presbyterian for all who have worshipped you in this place for the last 228 years. May we live as your people, serving our neighbors and spreading your love with joy and gratitude. Receive these tokens of our renewed dedication. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.