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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.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We will go into the world as God's people,
telling of God's hopes for all.

We will go to serve the world as followers of Jesus,
showing with our lives that all are part of the kingdom.

We will go to share the Spirit,
to bring peace where there is war, to share love where there is hate.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"
(verses 1, 2, & 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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Special Thanks

This Sunday we welcome **Rev. Debra Madden** as our guest for the day to lead us in worship. Rev. Madden graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte. She served as Pastor of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church for approximately 12 years. She has also worked in the Addictions field for the past sixteen years. **We welcome Rev. Madden again to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**

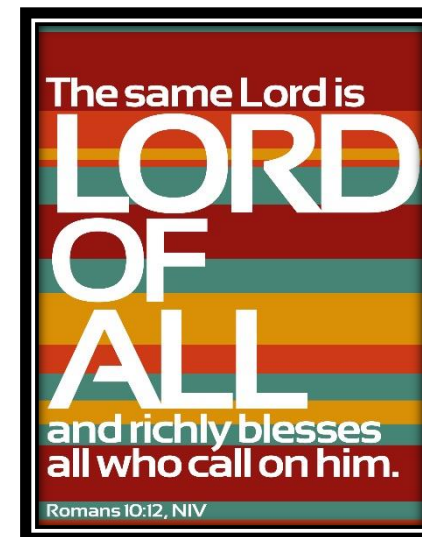
Wednesday Nights GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Sept. 6 – Oct. 11

Come and eat dinner at the church beginning at 5:30. Activities for all ages begin at 6:00 with children's classes and children's music. We will finish by 7:00 for those who need to get home, or for others to go to Choir practice. Dinner cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. *Sept. 6 – We do not live to ourselves. A look at Romans 14:7-9. Please sign up on Sunday or email bpcsignups@gmail.com to make your reservation.*

Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

**September 3, 2023
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #2164

"Sanctuary"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are welcomed here

in the name of Jesus Christ

to worship the God who cherishes us,

and to adore the Spirit who nurtures us.

God is always close to us; It is written:

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart."

God is always available to everyone; it is written:

"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

HYMN #138

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

The deepest longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Join me, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In truth, God of silence and seas, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. We find it easier to push people out of the boat, rather than make room for those who are different from us. And our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice your presence or hear your sheet silence singing your shalom to us. Have mercy on us, God of patience. Grab hold of us to keep us to keep us from drowning in our oceans of temptations. Give us the words to speak of your hope to others. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, which is nearer to us than we dare to imagine. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

CHORAL RESPONSE *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Immediately, immediately! Your sins are forgiven, your life is restored, and grace becomes your guide through this life.
Thanks be to God! We are not left alone, but take heart in the forgiving love of our God. Amen.

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 PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“A Worker’s Prayer”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 85:8-13 (Pew Bible, p. 543)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 10:5-15 (Pew Bible, p. 160)

SERMON *“Who’s in, who’s out, and who decides”* Rev. Debra Madden

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

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
May our gifts quench the thirst of those who desire hope; may our lives by spent in feeding those whose hunger is all too real; may we always give away the blessings you have given to us, God of the compassionate heart. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN *“Come to the Table of Grace”*

- 1 -	- 3 -
Come to the table of grace.	Come to the table of love . . .
Come to the table of grace.	
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.	- 5 -
Come to the table of grace.	Come to the table of joy . . .

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.