

## **It's about Jesus!**

**Our third presbytery meeting of 2024 was held at First Presbyterian Church Oceanside on June 15th. We were able to complete our general business agenda (The decisions made will be included in the minutes for your information and review). We were blessed to commission 3 of our family to the General Assembly, Rev Kerry Riddle (Commissioner), Elder Sandy Santana (Commissioner), Justin Seecharan (Young Adult Advisory Delegate). The highlight of our meeting was the message Bishop William Franklin (Assisting Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island). He reminded us Its about Jesus.**

**This message hit home for me as I have been struggling with the political climate of our beloved nation. The Lord had to remind me that my political views and agenda are shaped and limited by what I see and what I hear. God's agenda always transcends the sensual (what we see, hear, feel). We all mouth the words in our joint praying together "your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" ... but do we really mean it? Do we really mean that we are willing to sacrifice our personal agendas for the kingdom of God. The pharisee in me says of course... the reality is that I often try to force God's will into my will as opposed to my will submitting to His will. If it's truly about Jesus I can submit my political views and agenda to Him and allow Him to use my voice (vote) however He wants. That's difficult because the path He may lead me down is divergent from what I may ascribe to. It's about Jesus recognizes this is my Fathers world. Malthie Davenport Babcock penned the words to that great hymn. The second stanza says : This is My Fathers world Oh let me neer forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ruler yet. This is my Fathers world , The Battle is not done , Jesus who dies shall be satisfied , and earth and heaven be one... Its about Jesus .... Let's Trust Him.**