



The Second Page

A detailed look at the mission
of Bethpage Presbyterian Church

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Worship Ministry Area

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing” – Psalm 100:1-2

The worship of our Lord is an important part of Christian life as we are called to joyfully praise Him! Through the recent transitions occurring in our church, worship has remained strong and as a worship ministry area we have worked hard to see that the worship life of our church continues to strengthen. With the mission plan in mind, we are excited to take this time to update you on the progress and additions we have made to the health of Bethpage. With the Easter season among us, we look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and are excited for the updates we have made. Below you will find a brief summary of some of what the Worship Ministry Area has done in the past year:

- We have purchased new flags that will be used for the Easter Sunday celebration.
- We have purchased and installed new candles for the sanctuary which have been in use for the past few months.
- With the ever-changing state of technology in today’s society, we continue to work closely with the SALT team to ensure updated software and hardware for our church community. This is a tireless task which requires a lot of hard work, training, and perseverance; however, we are proud of the progress we have made and strive to continue working closely with the SALT team.
- We have updated some of the pew literature replacing the “Parenting in the Pews” pamphlet with a new informational pamphlet. The new addition provides more specific information on our worship services and our church community so visitors to our church can be more informed.
- We have been working closely with Pastor Rick to plan the Easter season services. Our goal has been to incorporate the old with the new, keeping in mind the traditions we know and love while also incorporating some of Pastor Rick’s amendments.
- We have purchased a new electronic keyboard for eventual use as accompaniment for music in the sanctuary. The keyboard is currently being used by the choir as a tool for their practice.
- We are exploring options for new music and accompaniments for our Sunday service. As seen in *The Beth Page* recently, if anyone has a special musical gift they would like to share with our congregation, we would love to have you!

As a cohesive ministry area we have been hard at work in the past year, as evidenced above, trying to continually improve the worship prospects at Bethpage. With such an exciting opportunity for growth in our church we are proudly accepting the challenge to introduce new tools, ways, and opportunities for worship. We believe this is a positive transitional period for our church where we have been given the opportunity to flourish. As a worship ministry area, we have accepted this challenge and will continue our diligent work to ensure our worship options at Bethpage meet the needs of all of our church members, and most importantly that they properly keep our focus on the purpose of worship, God our Father!