

Announcements

The rose on the communion table is in honor of **Calvin Robert Lackey**, son of Brandi and Charlie Lackey, born January 5, 2023. Calvin weighed 3 lbs. 6 oz. and was 16.75 inches. The proud grandparents are Rob and Sandra Cox. Welcome to this newest member of Bethpage.

Ladies interested in being a part of Circle 1 can pick up their curriculum at the front of the sanctuary after worship. **The next gathering will be on February 7th, at 6:30 PM in the session room.**

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.



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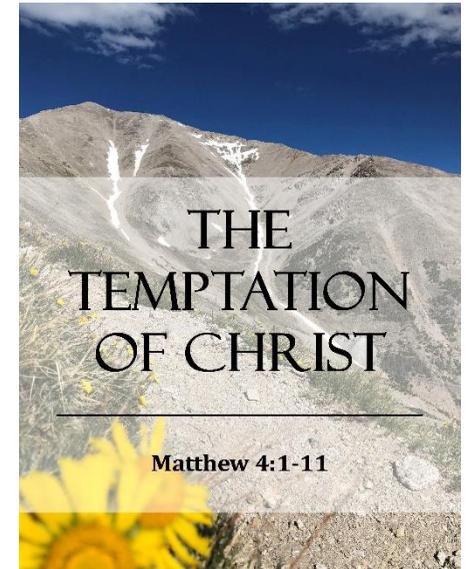
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

January 15, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Arr. Bill Wolaver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC #2270 *"He Has Made Me Glad"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why are we here?

We are here to praise God.

We are here to be strengthened in our faith.

We are here to listen to God's Word.

We are here to be challenged in our discipleship.

We are here to pray.

We are here to sing praises to God.

We are here to respond to God's call.

We are here to be fed at the Lord's Table.

We are here to be transformed.

We are here to worship.

Let us join together as the body of Christ to worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, We come seeking you and seeking your forgiveness. We spread out every – thing before You – our cares, our anxiety, our failures, our missed opportunities, our pride and our lack of caring for what life does to others. O Lord, forgive us. Draw us away from self concern to Yourself and then to a new concern for others. Open our hearts and our understanding so that we may grasp that in the cross is forgiveness of all our sins and an invitation to begin again. May our faith in You be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to live the new life in Christ which You make possible. O Lord, hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #2152 *“Change My Heart, O God”*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God remembers our sins no more.

Let us forgive ourselves as we accept God’s forgiveness.

In Christ we are given a new life.

We will live as people of grace, forgiven and renewed. Alleluia Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *“Glory To God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“Creation Sings”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-6 (Pew Bible, p. 165)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

SERMON

“A Testing”

Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Arr. Tom Fettke

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

God, with great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Guide us today, and every day that we may live as your faithful disciples. Transform our lives with your love and grant that these gifts that we bring would show your love to a hurting world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN

“When We Are Tested”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Arr. Carol Tornquist

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