

Announcements

Our annual congregational meeting will be **next Sunday, January 29th**, immediately following morning worship.

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.



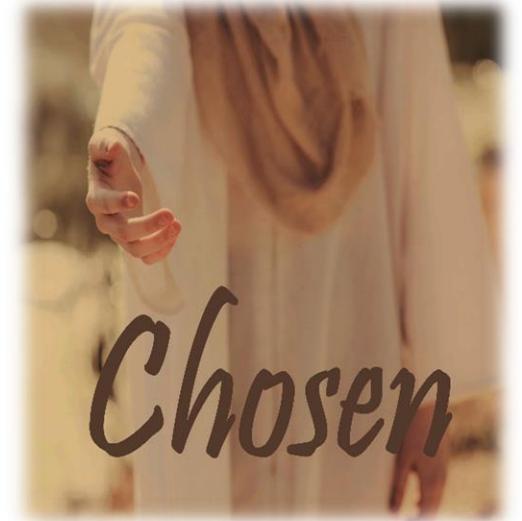
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

January 22, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Bless This House”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this community of God's people. We are here to worship and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We are gathered to celebrate our new life in Jesus. He has shown us and given us new possibilities and bright horizons.

Together, through the Holy Spirit, we have the opportunity to use our God-given skills and abilities to begin to build a better world.

We have come to be directed by the Holy Spirit and to share God's power and to live in it daily.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection; we confess before you and each other that we cling to old ways – even if they are destructive and we fear the unknown – even as we declare our trust in you. The truth is that we find comfort in the familiar and we trust our own ways more than we trust your ways. We cannot be the Church you have called us to be without you. We humbly ask forgiveness for our failure to imagine a new way and our lack of trust in your love for us. Your ways are not our ways and your thoughts are not our thoughts, but we pray that your will would be done in our homes, in our church, and in our world. In the name of Jesus – our resurrected Savior – hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #2025

“As the Deer”
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Good News in Christ is that God offers us life at every moment, forgiving us, and inviting us to the freshness of new beginnings. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us praise this God of grace!

Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“The Summons”

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98 (Psalms Now)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:12-19 (Pew Bible, p. 64)

SERMON

“Chosen”

Rev. Valerie Hicks

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

It is the same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Arr. Carol Tornquist

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

We offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that You have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives to you today. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our limited imaginations. May we be the Church You are calling us to be. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN #369

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

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