

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**

Gracious God, we thank you for setting a table before us and for calling disciples from every place to feast together. We praise you for love that binds and for faith that makes us brothers and sisters. Send us out to a hurting world to bring your light and healing. Amen.

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN #495**

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"  
(verses 1, 2 & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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**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 8, 2023

10:00 AM



**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

"We Three Kings"

Arr. Becki Mayo

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC #2164**

"Sanctuary"  
(sing two times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered in the presence of God who is love.

**God's love flows down on us like a waterfall, drenching us with his love.**

We come as a people longing for water, thirsty and parched.

**May we be filled with God's love of living water.**

We come ready to honor God with how we live.

**In baptism we belong to God.**

Let us rejoice and worship together.

**HYMN #280**

*"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*  
(verses 1, 2, 3, & 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world. Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism; forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. O Lord, hear our silent confessions. (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear these words of assurance.

**Because of God's love for us, in Christ we are a new creation.**

Believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Remember this each time you eat the bread of life and drink from the cup of salvation.

**Alleluia, Amen.**

## **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **CHILDREN'S ANTHEM**

*"Three Wise Men"*

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

### **ANTHEM**

*"He Still Came"*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 42:1-7 (Pew Bible, p. 670)

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

### **SERMON**

*"Baptism Beginnings"*

Rev. Valerie Hicks

## **THE PEOPLE RESPOND**

### **GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING**

Offertory

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

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

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*"Come to the Table of Grace"*  
(verses 1, 3, & 5)

### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gracious God, may your light shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need. As rushing currents and flowing glaciers carve deep canyons, guide your church in harnessing the power of all the baptized who live and serve under the cross of Christ.

**Hear us, O God.**

As the waters of the Jordan washed the sinless One, so may we strive to follow Jesus' righteous example even as we trust in his forgiveness for our failings.

**Hear us, O God.**

As refreshing waters sustain all life on earth, help nations to provide clean water to all people, so that no one need suffer from the lack of it. We pray for all those in need of fresh water.

**Hear us, O God.**

As nourishing rains and snow renew the parched earth, bring healing to those who dwell in the desert places of the heart. We pray for all who are troubled, afraid, or sick.

**Hear us, O God.**

As sparkling waters dance in the splashes of baptism, fill us with joy as we awaken to each new day of grace.

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Replenish us as we pray the prayer you taught us . . .

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