

**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**March 19, 2023
10:00 AM**

Fourth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

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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GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

Arr. Terry Baldrige

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

“Come All You People”

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence, our Rock and our Refuge.

We come as God's children, ready and willing.

Know that the Lord has called us here.

God has called us to worship, to love, and to serve.

Let us sing praises to the Lord our God.

We come as God's children to praise God together.

HYMN #2022

“Great Is the Lord”
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, be with us as we walk through the hills and valleys of life. Give us courage to face trials and tribulations. Forgive us when we avoid the challenges and struggles of discipleship. Redeem us when we are ugly and cruel to others. Grant us wisdom to proclaim your word and live your love. And guide us into paths of peace. O Lord, hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #383 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ Jesus is walking with us even now. Through God’s powerful love and gracious salvation, we are forgiven and renewed. Know that the God of grace is with us today and always.

**We will live as a people drenched in grace, forgiven, and renewed.
Alleluia! Amen.**

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“Shine On”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 98 (Psalms Now)

HYMN #329 *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:38-42 (Pew Bible, p. 5)

SERMON *“Second Miles”* Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith

God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory *“Be Thou My Vision”* Arr. Carol Tornquist

Hymn #485 *“To God Be the Glory”*
(refrain only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Prayer of Dedication

Glory be to you, O God, for the gift of creation and your bountiful mercies. We praise you for your redeeming love and the promise of new life. Thanks be to you, for guidance, counsel, and abiding revelation. Receive our offerings this day and may we honor you in all we do. In Christ’s name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

GO IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world with compassion and justice in your heart, See one another, Hear one another, Care for one another, And love one another. Go the second mile.

POSTLUDE *“Praise to the Lord”* Arr. Mark Hayes

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