

Prayer of Dedication

O God, We offer ourselves with our gifts, recognizing that all we have is yours. Use them and us to fulfill your purposes. May our offerings do far more than we can imagine. In the spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #356

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION


POSTLUDE

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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 for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



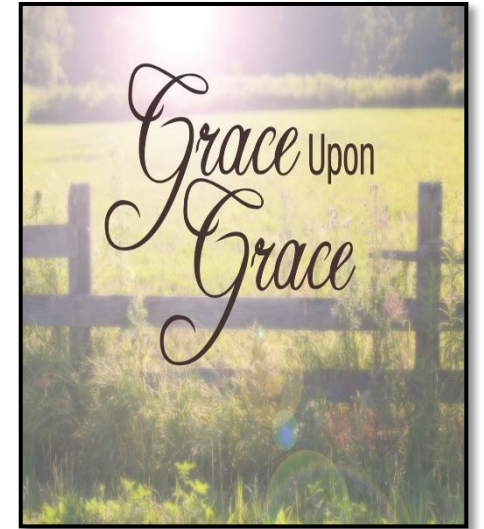
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**April 21, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING MUSIC

"Step by Step"
(sing two times)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has made us for glory!

God's love never ends.

Christ has saved us for praise!

Christ's faithfulness never ends.

The Holy Spirit has made us whole!

The Spirit's healing never ends.

HYMN #203

"God of Mercy, God of Grace"
(verses 1, 2, & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection; we confess before you and each other that we cling to old ways, even if they are destructive. 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 trying to discern your ways. We cannot be the Church you have called us to be without courage and grace to move in new directions. 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 #383 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian 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 to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM “Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

OLD TESTAMENT READING (read responsively) Psalm 67:1-7 (CEB)

Let God grant us grace and bless us;

let God make his face shine on us,

so that your way becomes known on earth,

so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.

Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

(continue →)

Let the people celebrate

and shout with joy

because you judge the nations fairly

and guide all nations on the earth.

Let the people thank you, God!

Let all the people thank you!

The earth has yielded its harvest.

God blesses us—our God blesses us!

Let God continue to bless us;

let the far ends of the earth honor him.

RESPONSE “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”
(sing two times)

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS John 1:14, 16 (Pew Bible, p. 92)
2 Corinthians 4:13-15 (The Message)

SERMON “Grace Upon Grace” Valerie Hicks

HYMN “We Know that Christ is Raised”

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Declaration of Faith

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always. Jesus is our living Lord.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

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.

