

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN "As We Go"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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 through first grade. 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 nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.



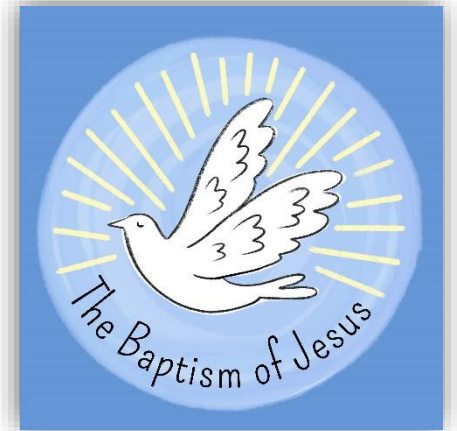
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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

January 11, 2026
10:00 AM



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

OPENING MUSIC #2022 "Great is the Lord"
(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 rededicate our lives to God and God's purposes.

In baptism we belong to God.

Let us rejoice and worship together.

HYMN #492 "Baptized in Water"
(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.)*

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

You are forgiven, so rejoice! You are loved, so give thanks! You are renewed, so lift up your hearts and receive the freedom that comes with a new life in Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE *"Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"The Waters of Grace"*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:4-10, 13-16 (Good News Version)

RESPONSE #129 *"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*
(verses 1 & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 28:18-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

SERMON *"The Goal of Baptism"* Valerie Hicks

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration of Faith

Women: God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission.

Men: We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives. We believe that God sends us to tell all nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

All: We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death. We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology *(sung – new words, same tune)*

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in one,
may every tongue and nation raise
an endless song of thankful praise.**

Prayer of Dedication

O God, We dedicate our lives to you. In our giving, hear our heartfelt gratitude for all that you are and all that we have. Bless these gifts for your mission in the world. Multiply them to bring about healing in a hurting world. Amen.

HYMN *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*