

# Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

January 14, 2024  
10:00 AM



## 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**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING MUSIC #2016**

*"Glorify Thy Name"*  
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in this time and place as God's people.

**With all our hearts, let us give thanks to the Lord.**

We gather in this time and place as the church of Jesus Christ.

**With all our minds, let us seek Christ's will for this new day.**

We gather in this time and place as those who rely upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

**With all our voices, let us sing praises to God.**

### **HYMN #155**

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess our transgressions. For those things we have failed to say and do, we seek Your forgiveness. For actions and attitudes that hurt and discourage others, we ask for Your pardon. O Lord make us aware of our sin and give us the courage to repent and begin again. Forgive us as a people and open our hearts to others who are different from us. May we care about their needs as much as we do our own. Renew us with Your word this day. In the name of Jesus we pray. O Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

**RESPONSE #322**                      *“Spirit of the Living God”*  
*(The Presbyterian Hymnal)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God has promised to pardon all who turn to Him in faith. Even now He forgives us, and sets us free to live new lives in Jesus Christ our Lord. Henceforth we may live, not in fear or dread, but secure in the power of His love. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

**In the sure confidence of God, we will rejoice and live as forgiven people. Alleluia, Amen.**

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

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**ANTHEM**                                      *“That We Might Know”*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**                                      Psalm 139 ([Psalms Now](#))

**HYMN**    *“Listen to the Word”*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**                                      Luke 5:27-32 ([Pew Bible](#), p. 63)

**SERMON**    *“Following”*                                      Rev. Valerie Hicks

**THE PEOPLE RESPOND**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Declaration of Faith

In forming His people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of His companionship, to understand and obey His teachings, and to follow Him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon everyone of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

**GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING**

Offertory                                      *“Lead Me Lord”*

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

**You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people lead the way to you through their actions and love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**HYMN**    *“Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone”*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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