

HYMN #206

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners"
(verses 1, 3, & 4, Hymns of Grace)

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.



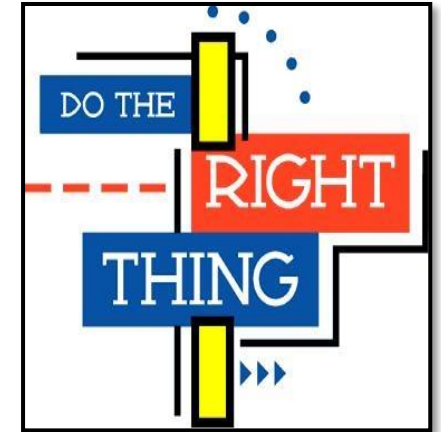
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**Welcome to Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

**January 18, 2026
10:00 AM**



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

OPENING MUSIC #2088 *"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

We have come to offer up our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and growing.

HYMN #97

"We Will Glorify"
(verses 1, 3, & 4, Hymns of Grace)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, Gentle Mother, hold us in the arms of your forgiveness and grace. When we run from you or abandon your guiding light, welcome us back with mercy. When we squander your gifts or reject your generosity, remind us of where we fit into your gracious love. Open our eyes to our sin and bring us in humility to you in repentance. Forgive us when we grasp for control forgetting that all of life is a gift. Help our lives to be a worthy response to your love and grace. *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

HYMN #316 *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*
(verse 1 only, Hymns of Grace)

GOD’S GRACE AND PROMISE

It astonishes us to be made in God’s image. It overwhelms us to be liberated by God’s grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. We will live out of that forgiveness this day and in the days to come. Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 4:13-17 (English Standard Version)

RESPONSE #2164 *“Sanctuary”*
(sing two times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 13:1-15 (Good News Translation)

SERMON *“Doing What is Right”* Valerie Hicks

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, whose love we know in the beauty of all creation, in the creation of all people, in the kindness of human hearts, and most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth. We believe in Jesus Christ whose revelation of grace and mercy brings forgiveness for our past, strength for our future, and deliverance, from the fear of death. We believe in the Holy Spirit, as God present with us, disciples of justice, and givers of mercy. We believe in the final triumph of God’s kindness and in life everlasting. Amen.

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

Gracious and generous God, we come with gifts in response to your love. Use them and us to bring about healing in our hurting world. Help us to proclaim the good news with our words and actions. Remind us to welcome all in your name and bind us together in love and service. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Contemporary Version)

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. For You are the sovereign, the power and the glory forever. Amen.