

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #107

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
(verses 1, 3, & 4, Hymns of Grace)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Service of Elder Installation

The following members elected by the congregation on January 7, 2024,
will be installed to the Session:

Connie D. Goodman, Richie Goodman, Melissa Wright

With Appreciation

We appreciate the effective leadership of **Ed Kusper**, Class of 2023,
who has completed his term of active service.

We give thanks to God and to him for his faithful service!

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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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

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

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

THE LORD
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE
UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD
LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.
NUMBERS 6:24-26, ESV

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O Come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #2037

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of gentleness and power, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we have turned away from You. Forgive us the times we have not used the spiritual gifts You have given us, the times when we have neglected those who need us, the oppressed, the poor, the imprisoned. You have called us to be Your servants, yet we are so wrapped up in our own lives that we fail others. You have called us to be light to the nations, yet we can barely take care of our own families and friends. Tear down the walls we build that separate us from others in this one world family. We confess that we have not lived according to your will. O Lord, give us a chance to begin anew. Strengthen us once again with Your power. Guide us and give us courage to serve You with all that we say and all that we do. Through Jesus Christ hear our silent prayers ... *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE #2025

"As the Deer"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is more willing to forgive our sins than we are to admit them. We are not destined to live in bondage to our worst selves, but are freed to grow in faith and trust. Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM

“The Blessing”

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:32-36 (Pew Bible, p. 64)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 6:23-26 (Pew Bible, p. 124)

SERMON

“The Blessing”

Rev. Valerie Hicks

NUMBERS 6:24-26

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

25the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

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.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we have been blessed, so may we be a blessing to others. Use us, as you use these material offerings, to bring about your will here on earth. In gratitude and rejoicing we pray. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS – CLASS OF 2026

There are different gifts,

But the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

To use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER