

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to share the treasures of our goods and hearts.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

Lord our God, we rejoice that you have become near to us in Jesus your Son. Let him be the light of life now and forever. Hear us as we pray the contemporary version of the prayer that he taught us.

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.

HYMN #281

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

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 4, 2026
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

OPENING MUSIC #2037 *"I Sing Praises to Your Name"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

God brings us to a new year.

Rejoice and be glad!

God brings us to new seasons of joy and hope.

Rejoice and be glad!

God shares our path in seasons of sadness and loss.

Rejoice and be glad!

God brings us to newness of life.

Rejoice and be glad!

HYMN #63

"As with Gladness Men of Old"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. *A time of Silence*

RESPONSE #2013

"Bless the Lord"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

HYMN #68

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"
(verses 1, 2, & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)
(As we sing, the congregation may come forward and get a star word from the communion table.)

TIME OF PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Christmas Grace"

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 25:1-10 (Common English Bible)

RESPONSE

"Listen to the Word that God has Spoken"
(sing one time)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

SERMON

"Be Our Guide"

Valerie Hicks

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL 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

Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God. Amen.

LITANY OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus the Lord, let our prayer be as wide as the world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That Christ's light may shine on all nations far and near and that the church may welcome them with the diversity of their cultures.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our day justice may flourish and peace come to all of the world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry, have pity on the weak and open their hearts and hands to the needy.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That those who are persecuted for the Lord's sake may feel his shield around them.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord's grace and love.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

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