

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**HYMN #492**

*"Baptized In Water"*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

Congregational Meeting [Members please remain seated. Visitors may leave at this time.]

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## **The Sacrament of Baptism**

This Sunday, January 7, 2024, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for **Eleanor Brenne Scarborough**, daughter of Garrett and Madison Scarborough. Ellie's proud big brother is Everett. Please encircle this family with your love as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

## **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 7, 2024  
10:00 AM



## **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC #139** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*  
(verse 1, The Presbyterian 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 #2022**

*"Great Is the Lord"*  
(Sing the Faith 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.)*

***RESPONSE #339***                      *“Be Thou My Vision”*  
(verse 3, [The Presbyterian Hymnal](#))

## ***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***

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

## ***THE WORD PROCLAIMED***

## ***TIME WITH CHILDREN***

***THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM***                      *Eleanor Brenne Scarborough*

## ***BAPTISM SONG***

*Ellie, we greet you on this glad morning  
We are so happy that you are here  
Our fondest wishes go with you always  
God guard and keep you all through the years.*

***ANTHEM***                      *“Jesus What a Wonderful Child”*

***OLD TESTAMENT READING***                      Isaiah 42:1-7 ([Common English Bible](#))

***HYMN #329***                      *“Break Thou the Bread of Life”*  
(verse 1, [The Presbyterian Hymnal](#))

***NEW TESTAMENT READINGS***                      Matthew 3:13-17 ([Common English Bible](#))  
Matthew 28:16-20 ([Pew Bible](#), p. 34)

***SERMON***                      *“Baptism and Life”*                      Rev. Valerie Hicks

## ***THE PEOPLE RESPOND***

## ***GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING***

Offertory                      *“He Shall Reign Forevermore”*

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

**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.**

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

Gracious God, may your light shine upon the church, the world, and all those in need. As rushing currents and flowing glaciers carve deep canyons, guide your church in harnessing the power of all the baptized who live and serve under the cross of Christ.

**Hear us, O God.**

As the waters of the Jordan washed the sinless One, so may we strive to follow Jesus’ righteous example even as we trust in his forgiveness for our failings.

**Hear us, O God.**

As refreshing waters sustain all life on earth, help nations to provide clean water to all people, so that no one need suffer from the lack of it. We pray for all those in need of fresh water.

**Hear us, O God.**

As nourishing rains and snow renew the parched earth, bring healing to those who dwell in the desert places of the heart. We pray for all who are troubled, afraid, or sick.

**Hear us, O God.**

As sparkling waters dance in the splashes of baptism, fill us with joy as we awaken to each new day of grace. Replenish us as we pray the prayer you taught us . . .

**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.**