

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
(verses 1, 2 & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May the strength of God be with you, that you will never tire of the work God calls you to do for the benefit of God's kingdom on earth. Go forth with the power of God's Spirit, to share the life of the gospel with all those you meet in the days ahead. See, Pray, and Act.

POSTLUDE

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BPC Welcomes Temporary Director of Music

We welcome **Jenny Carroll** as the temporary director of music while Linda Rickenbacker is taking a leave of absence through January 1st, to give her back and sciatica time to heal. Jenny Carroll is the daughter of Bill and Carol Cone and has lived in Concord most of her life. Both of her parents were music majors in college, and she followed in their footsteps. She is the music teacher at Wolf Meadow Elementary School and teaches private music lessons. She is very involved in theaters in the area as a performer and as a music director and accompanist. She lives with her furbabies, Holly and Happy, two miniature poodles that mean the world to her.

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."*

November 19, 2023
10:00 AM

*See.
Pray.
Act.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, who supplies us with every blessing in abundance, lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving. Open us up and help us to remember the gifts we seldom notice, the bounty we take for granted, the rich possibilities You provide. For bread without scarcity, for water that is pure, for houses to live in and friends to enjoy, we give You humble thanks. For beauty and bounty, for healing and hope, for the Gospel of Christ, we lift our voices in joyful praise. Dwell with us now. Amen.

HYMN #554

"Let All Things Now Living"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name!
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

HYMN #559 *"We Gather Together"*
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

Gracious God, wipe away our arrogance and bend to us as we come before you in humility. We have pursued our own concerns day after day and night after night. We scarcely know how to talk with You. We live with the illusion that we are self-sufficient until the next crisis comes. Forgive us for taking our many blessings for granted, mindless of the multitudes who lack the necessities of life. We have to remind ourselves to be grateful, but automatically desire more and more. We take good health for granted, and access to medical care our due. We confess the ingratitude of our lives. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE #2013 *“Bless the Lord”*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

You are forgiven, so rejoice! You are loved, so give thanks! You are renewed, so lift up your hearts and receive the freedom that comes with a new life in Christ.

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

Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race, or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see. 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.

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give Thanks, Give Thanks.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER