

**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.*

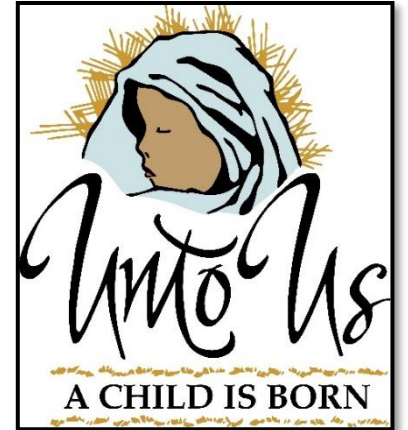
*Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds through first grade. There are activity sheets and children's Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in 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.”*

**December 28, 2025  
10:00 AM**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND GREETING**

**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN** *“Light Shines in the Darkness”*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, who has done great things for us, and for all people.

**God scatters the proud in the imagination of their hearts and raises up those who humble themselves.**

God fills the hungry with good things and satisfies those who thirst for goodness.

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.  
Amen.**

**HYMN #40** *“Joy to the World”*  
(verses 1, 2, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## ***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

Sometimes, O God, your Word is too much for us. You ask us to love our enemies, when we can scarcely love our friends as we should. You ask us to give when we want to take, and to forgive when we want to nurse bitterness. We thank you that you accept us as we are, and that you show us what we can be. Forgive us O Lord and help us to devote our lives to you. *A Time of Silence*

### ***HYMN #44***

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*  
(verse 3 only, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

## ***GOD'S GRACE PROMISE***

God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good. There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings. God forgives!

**We are freed from the burden of our sin. Praise be to God!**

### ***RESPONSE***

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

## **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

### ***TIME WITH CHILDREN***

### ***ANTHEM***

*"Sing Joy: A Medley of Carols"*

### ***OLD TESTAMENT READING***

Isaiah 11:1-4 (New Revised Standard Version)

### ***HYMN #54***

*"From Heaven Above"*  
(verses 1 & 2, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### ***NEW TESTAMENT READING***

Luke 2:8-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

### ***SERMON***

*"Make It Known"*

Valerie Hicks

## **GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

### ***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH***

from A Declaration of Faith

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

### ***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

### ***HYMN #56***

*"The First Nowell"*  
(verses 1 & 3, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

### ***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.**

### ***HYMN #53***

*"What Child is This"*  
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)