THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become hope and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #442

"O Breath of God" (verses 2, 3, & 4, Hymns of Grace)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



The Sacrament of Baptism

This Sunday, February 4, 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 for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. 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 new 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."

> February 4, 2024 10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" (Choir)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other.

And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ's work in our world.

So we come together here, joining hands in a united purpose;

To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

HYMN #298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all goodness, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown to ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Lord God, have mercy on us and make us whole. Hear us in this time of silence . . . (Please take a moment for silent confession.)

RESPONSE #339

"Be Thou My Vision" (verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Live as God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, and humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you.

We rejoice in God's mercy and will live as forgiven people. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory

"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

"10,000 Reasons"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121 (<u>Psalms Now</u>) Luke 7:36-50 (<u>Pew Bible</u>, p. 66) HYMN #2030

"The First Song of Isaiah" (sing 2 times, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:14-20 (Pew Bible, p. 86)

SERMON "Eating Together"

Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

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

Receive these offerings as a token of our love. Help us to not withhold ourselves—our devotion, our time, our talents, our commitment—to your faithful service. Use us, as you use these material offerings, to bring the good news of the gospel to all people everywhere. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister continues...

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.