

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #2158

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for **Turner Dennis Graybeal**, son of Trent and Amber Graybeal. Torvi and Talon are the proud big sister and brother. Please join with this family as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

Guest Pianist

We welcome **Charlie Kluttz** as our pianist in worship. Jenny Carroll is away today. Thank you for being here, Charlie!

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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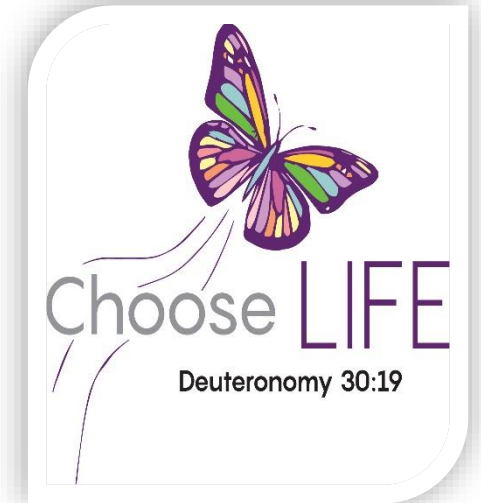
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**Welcome to
Bethpage
Presbyterian Church!**

*"A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow."*

**May 5, 2024
10:00 AM**



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING MUSIC HYMN #2002 *"I Will Call Upon the Lord"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

We are here to challenge and support one another in discipleship.

We are here because we want to be God's people.

We want to learn more about what it means to be the family of faith.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

Let us worship God.

HYMN #2130

"The Summons"
(verses 1, 4, & 5, Sing the Faith Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess our transgressions O Lord. For those things we have failed to say and do, we seek your forgiveness. For actions and attitudes that hurt and discourage others, we ask for your pardon. We want to open ourselves, to be vulnerable, to enter into the suffering of others; yet we barricade ourselves behind closed doors, protecting our lives and possessions, fleeing from the hurt we see on others' faces. Have mercy on us and help us begin again to live as your agents of love, forgiven and redeemed. Renew us with your Word this day. Hear our silent prayers . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN *"Bless the Lord"*
(sing two times)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I come that you might have life and have it abundantly." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

We will accept the new and abundant life and live as forgiven people.
Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Turner Dennis Graybeal*

BAPTISM SONG

*Turner, 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 *"By Faith"*

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 18:28 – 19:16 (The Message)

RESPONSE HYMN #329 *"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*
(verse 1, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (The Message)

SERMON *"We Must Decide"* Valerie Hicks

SPECIAL MUSIC Charlie Kluttz

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Declaration of Faith

The Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship.

The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need, moves us to abandon our old way of life, persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt his way. In all these things we are responsible for our decisions. But after we have trusted and repented we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act. It is not our faith but God's grace in Jesus Christ that justifies us and reconciles us to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Abundant God, out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We bring you this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen.