

# The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook

January 25, 2026

10:00 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



WELCOME

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

**Come into God's presence with singing!**

SALUTATION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #806

"I'll Praise My Maker"

OLD 113TH

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,

All desires, known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

That we may perfectly love you

And worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ  
Who came into the world to save sinners.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
In thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
And by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
Help us amend what we are,  
And direct what we shall be,  
That we may delight in your will  
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

### KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke (1510-1585)



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
We are forgiven. **Amen**

GLORIA PATRI #580 “Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI (Scottish)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 40:26-31

Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name; because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Response after reading:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER: Psalm 147 (responsively)

Praise the Lord!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;**  
**he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**  
He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**He determines the number of the stars;**  
**he gives to all of them their names.**  
Great is our Lord and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;**  
**he casts the wicked to the ground.**  
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre.

**He covers the heavens with clouds,**  
**prepares rain for the earth,**  
**makes grass grow on the hills.**

**He gives to the animals their food  
and to the young ravens when they cry.**  
His delight is not in the strength of the horse  
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,  
**but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**  
Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!  
**For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**  
He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.  
**He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**  
He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.  
**He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?**  
He sends out his word and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

#### EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and

will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Response after reading:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Thanks be to God!**

BRIEF REFLECTION

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a BBPC Youth Ministry Confession for the Church 2025)

**We believe the Church is not a building,  
but a living, breathing body, called together by God, redeemed by  
Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.**

**The Church is a community rooted in grace,  
formed by compassion, and sent out in love.**

**We believe the Church must embody the attributes of Christ.  
The Church must be kind, not just in words, but in every action.  
A kindness that comforts the weary, embraces the hurting, and  
restores the broken.**

**The Church must be welcoming to all,  
to the doubter and the believer, the seeker and the struggler,  
across all cultures, identities, and experiences.**

**It must be a place of love and empathy,  
where trust is built, joy is shared, and hope is alive.**

**Above all, it must be a place where God is seen,  
where Jesus is known,  
where the Spirit is welcome,  
and where we are continually being made new.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

\*HYMN #816     “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Director of Faith Formation: The Rev. Lissette González Sosa

Director of Music: Benjamin T. Berman

## Giving, Sharing, Growing ...

**Please consider what you have to give in time, talent and treasure to God's work in the world through the church.**



**Financial gifts should be sent to the church.**

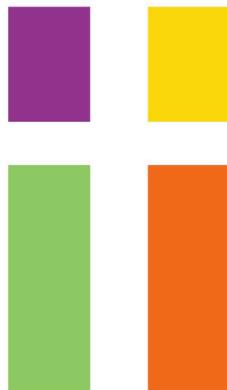
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**[BBPC.ORG/GIVING](http://BBPC.ORG/GIVING)** or

**TEXT (732) 641-8448**

## Annual Congregational Meeting



The Annual Congregational Meeting has been called by Session for....

**Sunday, February 1, @ 11:30 a.m.**

A lite lunch will be offered between worship and the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be streamed **live only** on the BBPC Website ([www.bbpc.org](http://www.bbpc.org)) It will **Not** be recorded.

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