



Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Mission: “Bethel Presbyterian Church exists as a fellowship of believers to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:18-20). Together, we strive to glorify our sovereign Lord through vibrant, God-centered worship; to build up one another by teaching God’s infallible Word; to equip every member for works of service; and to be salt and light by proclaiming the gospel in word and deed.”

Vision: All for the glory of God, Bethel Presbyterian Church will be a faithful resource church that is healthy and growing in order to multiply God’s kingdom locally, regionally, and internationally. We have a vision to reach and make disciples in our community and to further multiply gospel mission by equipping our leaders and our congregation for ministry and facilitating assimilation into the body of Christ.

Celebrating God’s Faithfulness...Advancing His Kingdom!

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The Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 42:1,11

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.
Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your
hope in God, for I will yet praise him my Savior and my God. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,
so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
and the apple of my eye.

The Invocation and 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.

***The Hymn of Praise**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Trinity Hymnal #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Merciful God, spare those who confess their faults. Lord, restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a holy, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 43:25

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes Deuteronomy 8:18

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. NIV

Offertory Anthem

The Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Consecration

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlakte

Living Now as Citizens of Heaven

Text: Philippians 3:12-4:1 (pew Bible p.1829)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Trinity Hymnal #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin - O the bliss of this glorious thought! -
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" - it is well with my soul.

**We stand, as we are able, to praise the Lord.*

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Rebecca Wallace	Shirley Brackett	Johna Griesman
Nxt wk	Amanda Brummett	Jackie Krashner	Ann Carol Love
SEC			
<i>If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com</i>			

Happy Birthday today to Brice Brackett and Henry Wynkoop! Happy Birthday this week to Lainey Lee Britt on 8/16, Miranda Howland and James Long on 8/17, Kay Hallman on 8/18, Larry Wilmoth on 8/20 and Kampbell Hall on 8/21.

We extend our sympathy to Elaine Moseley and family on the passing of her husband, Mr. James Moseley, on August 8.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: We welcome our new Full-time Assistant to the Senior Pastor, Trent Thomas and his family!

Next Week:

The Women in the Church are hosting a drop-in Meet & Greet for our new Full-time Assistant to the Senior Pastor Trent Thomas, his wife Kat and their children on August 22 from 3:00-4:30 pm in the FLC. Light refreshments will be served.

WIC Council Meeting: Aug. 25, 6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

Upcoming:

Rally Day: Aug. 29, 10:00 am, Sanctuary. Please note that this is different from our recent programs as we will not have a breakfast this year, and we will not meet in the FLC. Also, we will not be presenting any Perfect Attendance Certificates. The program will be brief and will include opening and closing hymns and prayers, remarks, recognition and thanks to the teachers for their faithful teaching, and the teachers will present Promotion Certificates to those students who will be moving up to another class. After the program, everyone will be dismissed to their classes for attendance and offering checks and brief lessons. Thanks for your support of the Rally Day program and of our Sunday School program! "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive

the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:14-15

Mentors and Moms: Begins in September on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:15am. Moms, please register on the church website so we can better plan for the year. If you have any questions, contact Ann Falls at 803-517-5281 or at apfalls@yahoo.com

Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) is in need of two teachers for the upcoming school year - Griggs Rd. that meets at Bethel PCA and Oakridge which will be meeting at The Journey. We are also looking for substitute teachers as well as classroom volunteers. Please contact Joe Le Moyne at 704-201-7082 for further information. Please prayerfully consider helping in this ministry which has enjoyed Bethel's support since its inception.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Today: Youth Group Tonight will meet at Pelican's Snoballs from 6-7, see ya'll then! (5400 State Hwy 55, Lake Wylie).

Upcoming: Bible Studies will be kicking off soon-our goal is to have 7th-9th grade and 10th-12th grade study groups for both girls and boys. Please reach out to Gunther if you are interested in participating or serving in some capacity.

Building Plans Update:

We ARE currently working on building plan options AND we ARE making some progress. We will communicate updates with more information for congregational consideration and approval as soon as we can. Given current circumstances, we do not yet know when an appropriate time to begin this project might be... THANK YOU for your continued patience and prayers!

Anyone wishing to have your email address added to the church email loop, please send a request to office@bethelchurchpca.com.

***** Headphones are available during worship for those with hearing difficulty. Please see a Deacon for assistance. *****

Prayer Requests: Bobby Armstrong (brother-in-law of S. McCarter Mizell, cancer), Bobby Boyd, Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Kathy Forester (E. Moseley's sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, Charlotte Jackson, Mrs. Rita Jackson, Jan Kombs (friend of J. LeMoyne, stroke), Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne's brother, Parkinson's disease), Dana Massey (advanced brain cancer, friend of S. Burns), Annie Mae McDaniel (Judy Ferguson's mother), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, cancer), Scott Wallace (breast cancer) and Norm West.