



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*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 22, 2021

## Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

**\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. NIV

## **\*The Hymn of Adoration**

“10,000 Reasons”

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

## **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.*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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When thro’ the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

## **\*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**

John 14:15-27

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” NIV

## **Individual & Corporate Confession**

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to Thee: we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved Thee with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your Loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and uphold us with Your free Spirit. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**                  Romans 4:25-5:1

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                  Malachi 3:10

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." 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 Vlake**

**The God of Peace**

Text: Philippians 4:1-9 (pew Bible p.1829)

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Like a River Glorious”

Trinity Hymnal #699

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,  
over all victorious in its bright increase;  
perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,  
perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,  
finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,  
never foe can follow, never traitor stand;  
not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,  
not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there.

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,  
traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.  
We may trust him fully all for us to do;  
they who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Amanda Brummett	Jackie Krashner	Ann Carol Love
Nxt wk	Jenni Quinn	Cullie Mounts	Beth Stowe
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

*Happy Birthday today to Scott Sprouse and Jay Thiessen!  
Happy Birthday this week to Ella Chidester on 8/23, Clara Herrmann and Kay Jackson on 8/24, Jacob Lee and Marcus Van Vlake on 8/25, Miles Brummett on 8/26 and Madeline Brummett on 8/28.*

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Linda Boyd and family on the passing of her husband, Mr. Robert (Bobby) Boyd, on August 13.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Jenny Richards and family on the passing of her husband, Mr. Robert (Bob) Richards, on August 17.

The family of Robert N. Boyd is deeply appreciative of the love and support exhibited in the thoughtful expressions of cards, calls and visits. We are immensely comforted by the gracious spirit of our Bethel family.

**This Week at Bethel:**

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

**Wednesday:** WIC Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

**Next Week:**

**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

**Upcoming:**

**Mentors and Moms:** Begins Thursday, Sept. 9 from 9:30 to 11:15am. Join us for fun, food, fellowship and Bible study. A nursery is provided. Please register on the church website for planning purposes. For more information, contact Ann Falls at 803-517-5281 or at [apfalls@yahoo.com](mailto:apfalls@yahoo.com)

**Collection for CAAC:** Sept. 19 before and after worship, the Deacons will be collecting needed items for the Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC). Suggested items are: instant mashed potatoes, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, mac and cheese, grits, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. Let's be a blessing to the CAAC and the Clover community by restocking those shelves!

**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:** We are resuming our typical youth format as we will be meeting from 5:00-6:30 in the youth basement.

We have started our 10-12th grade Bible Studies, if you are not part of one but interested in joining, please talk to Gunther. We are in the process of starting our 7-9th grade studies, details will be announced soon!

**\*\*\* 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), 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.