



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 29, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 84:1-4

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. NIV

New Communing Member Introduction and Vows (from Book of Church Order 57-5)

Kenneth Russell Gray

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Baptism

(from Book of Church Order 56-5)

Kenneth and Lawson Gray present their daughter, Kennedy Elizabeth Gray, for the sacrament of baptism.

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Trinity Hymnal #528

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine; now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

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** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” *Trinity Hymnal #629*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

***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 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee: hear us as we come to Thee humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before Thee our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness; and all our failures and shortcomings toward Thee and our fellow men. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and of Your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon John 3:16-18

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. 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

Concern and Contentment

Text: Philippians 4:10-23 (pew Bible p.1830)

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion -
for more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you - he promised;
believe him and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Jenni Quinn	Cullie Mounts	Beth Stowe
Nxt wk	Jessica McMullen	Beth Jackson	Nathalee Cuffman
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday this week to Steve Linder, Caroline Richards, Kristopher Whitesides and Wanda Whitesides on 8/31.

Elaine Moseley would like to express her thankfulness to her precious Bethel family for the thoughtful cards, prayers and meal after the passing of her husband.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Rally Day, 10:00 am, Sanctuary.

Next Week:

Elder/Deacon Nominations: Sept. 1-30.

Men of the Covenant: Sept. 13, 6:30 pm at Steve and Victoria Linder's home, 16528 Plantation Woods Dr., Charlotte for a meal, election of officers, and fellowship. Those who want to carpool are asked to meet outside the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm. All Bethel men are invited to attend.

Diaconate Meeting: Sept. 7, 7:00 pm, conf. room.

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

Upcoming:

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12: Bethel is adjusting the Providence and Fellowship Small Group Sunday School classes. The Providence class will focus on adults (with children primarily in Middle/High School) while the NEW Fellowship Small Group class (**Trent Thomas will be leading!**) will be focusing on gathering Young Families/Adults (with little children/elementary age) and Young Married Couples, and Singles. As always, you may attend either one, but we do

highly encourage you to consider coming to join us @ the 10 o'clock hour as we adjust our Small Group Sunday School offerings this fall.

Children's Kid's Quest & Catechisms will start back up September 12 from 5-6:30pm! Volunteers are needed. More information the following weeks. Please contact Ilse Wallace or Trent at the office for any questions.

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.

Operation Christmas Child: We are looking for a volunteer to be a Project Leader for our Operation Christmas Child offering. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

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 D-Groups, 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 D-Groups, details will be announced soon!

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.