



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 8, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 8:1-4, 9

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! NIV

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

Shannon Griesman

Mike Herrmann

Krista Herrmann

David Nix

Renee Nix

Eva Nix

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners 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 yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

***The Hymn of Adoration** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *Trinity Hymnal #521*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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**

"All Must Be Well"

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well;
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well;
On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.

***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

Luke 12:1-9

Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God". NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 10:9-10

That if you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes 2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 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

Confidence in Christ Alone

Text: Philippians 3:1-11 (pew Bible p.1828)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal #170

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and for evermore be thine.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Sam Griffin	Abby Chidester	Renee Nix
Nxt wk	Rebecca Wallace	Shirley Brackett	Johna Griesman
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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 Lola Jean Mounts on 8/9, Quentin Deal and Renee Nix on 8/10, Hannah Holben on 8/11 and Ed Hinkle and Gabe Sprouse on 8/14.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the members of the Barnett family as they hold the Barnett Family Reunion at Bethel today.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Conf. room (joint meeting with the Deacons attending).

Monday: Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

Tuesday: Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

Wednesday: Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, FLC, salad lunch after lesson.

Good Samaritans committee meeting: 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom. If you would like to join the Good Samaritans committee, we would love to have you come to the meeting and find out a little more about our committee.

Upcoming:

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.

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 Release 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 will be at the River Hills Park from 5:00-8:00pm. All are welcome! Text/Call Gunther if you have any questions.

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!

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.