



Bethel Presbyterian Church

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

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.

The Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. NIV

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Trinity Hymnal #94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Leader (Q1): What is the chief end of man?

Congregation (A1): Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Leader (Q2): What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Congregation (A2): The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Leader (Q3): What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Congregation (A3): The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

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, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”
NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes Romans 12:1-2

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 spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

Offertory Anthem

***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

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake

The Enduring Word of God

Text: 1 Peter 1:22-25

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you. NIV

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

We continue our plan to “spread out” with some gathering at home via our YouTube page, some gathering IN PERSON in the FLC and in the Sanctuary. In the Sanctuary, we will sit/skip EVERY OTHER ROW downstairs and will continue with the balcony being open to back row only seating. We have begun offering infant and toddler nursery during Worship Service only. We support whatever decision you make as each member takes responsibility for determining your confidence level as to continue gathering together online from your home or coming in person this week and in future weeks.

Updated Summary for continued consideration:

- * If you or a family member have been sick or are not feeling well, please worship from home online via our YouTube page.
- * Please prayerfully consider health guidelines established by governing authorities (anyone with existing health concerns and/or susceptible age range) and take personal responsibility for deciding when you are confident to gather in person. We want to encourage patience and we support whatever decision you make!
- * We will not pass offering plates; they will be located at door entrances/exits.
- * Worship guides available at door entrances (do not plan to handle hymnals/pew bibles, the words for scripture readings and hymns printed in worship guide).
- * Until further notice: No Choir, No Children’s sermon, no “in person” Sunday School.
- * Please no physical contact at this time (no handshakes or hugs, etc....)
- * Please feel free to wear masks or PPE if that is your preference.
- * Please fill in seats front to back and dismiss in reverse order while not gathering in large groups at exits.
- * Sanctuary seating downstairs with every other row empty between, and balcony open for back row seating. Chairs in FLC are spread out for social distancing.
- * Family households plan to sit together.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Cullie Mounts	Amber Weatherby	Nathalee Cuffman
Nxt wk	Ann Carol Love, Ann Marsh	Kristen Meek, Pat Miller	Rachel Wood
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday today to Lola Jean Mounts! **Happy Birthday** this week to Quentin Deal on 8/10, Hannah Holben on 8/11, Ed Hinkle and Gabe Sprouse on 8/14 and Brice Brackett and Henry Wynkoop on 8/15.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Monday: Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Tuesday: Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Wednesday: Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Sanctuary. No lunch.

Upcoming:

The **Women in the Church** will have a wedding shower for Lawson Brackett and Kenny Gray on Sunday, September 20th. The drop-in will be from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. They like Lowe's gift cards, too. No refreshments will be served. Social Distancing Guidelines should be respected.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Today: Youth group is meeting tonight at 7:00 pm at the church picnic shelter! As always, we'll have

games, drinks, and worship, and we'll continue our series in the Psalms on prayer. See you there and bring a friend!

Upcoming:

Saturday, August 15- day at the Whitewater Center! Come join us for a full day of rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, zip lining, and mountain biking. You won't want to miss it! See Peter for more details. The deadline to sign up is Wed., August 12.

Saturday, August 22- we're playing paintball! Come on out to have fun, learn teamwork, and shoot your friends (safely, of course!). See Peter for more details. The deadline to sign up is Wed., August 12.

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!

Audio recordings of our sermons are available under the "media" tab on the church website, www.BethelChurchPCA.com.

Prayer Requests: Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Judy Ferguson (healing from surgery), Margaret Ann Ferguson, Kathy Forester (E. Moseley's sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, 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) and Adam Stowe (leukemia).