



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, January 2, 2022

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Installation of WIC Council

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 18:1-3

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” *Trinity Hymnal #616*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

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.

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

***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

Romans 8:1-8

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Most Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knows how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 3:18a

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. 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

Mr. Gunther Griffin

Saved to Witness & Work

Text: Ephesians 2:7-10 (pew Bible p.1819)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Thine Be the Glory”

Trinity Hymnal #274

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, thro' thy deathless love:
bring us safe thro' Jordan to thy home above.

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

Nursery	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>
Today	Lawson Gray, Shannon Griesman, Kate Krebs	Douglas McCarter, Marissa Robinson
Nxt wk	Duree Burnett, Abby Chidester, Ann Falls	Ann Marsh, Cullie Mounts
<p><i>Happy Birthday this week to Colin Clinton on 1/3, Larry Falls and Ken Long on 1/5, Susan Joyner on 1/6 and Jack Bean, Roddy Beard, Nathalee Cuffman, Cheri Jackson and Cindy Love on 1/8.</i></p> <p>Congratulations to Aubree Lynn Britt & Joshua Chambers, who were married at Bethel on December 26.</p> <p>Please pick up your 2022 offering envelopes from the table in the vestibule. Your envelope number will stay the same. Envelopes have been arranged in alphabetical order with families banded together for convenience.</p> <p><u>This Week at Bethel:</u> Today: Installation of WIC Council during worship service. WIC Annual Meeting: 2:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.</p> <p>Monday: Men of the Covenant, 6:30 pm, FLC for a meal, devotional and program.</p> <p>Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am, Basement. Circle #1, 10:30 am, Sanctuary. Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. room.</p> <p><u>Next Week:</u> Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Jan. 9. Please prepare your hearts ahead of our participation of the Lord's Supper together.</p> <p>Session Meeting: Jan. 9, 2:00 pm, Conf. room.</p> <p>Kids Quest & Catechisms: Jan. 9, 5:00-6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom. We need leaders and nursery workers-</p>		<p>please prayerfully consider serving our Lord and precious children. Contact Ilse Wallace with any questions.</p> <p>Mentors & Moms: Resumes Jan. 13, 9:30-11:15 am, Ed. Bldg.</p> <p><u>Bethel Youth Group News:</u> Today: Youth Group is meeting tonight from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Basement! Bring a friend and plan to come for some fun fellowship and time in God's word/prayer together.</p> <p>Upcoming: Jan. 7 & 8: Ski Trip: Money is due today. Date TBD: We will have a Christmas-tree bonfire sometime in late January or early February. Be on the lookout for further details!</p> <p><u>Building Plans Update:</u> 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!</p> <p><i>Anyone wishing to have your email address added to the church email loop, please send a request to office@bethelchurchpca.com.</i></p> <p>*** Headphones are available during worship for those with hearing difficulty. Please see a Deacon for assistance. ***</p>
<p>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. LeMoynes, stroke), Herb LeMoynes (J. LeMoynes's brother, Parkinson's disease), Annie Mae McDaniel (Judy Ferguson's mother), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, cancer), Scott Wallace (breast cancer) and Norm West.</p>		