



# 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, January 3, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 95:6-7

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration**

“How Great Thou Art”

*Trinity Hymnal #44*

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 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**

### **"Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"**

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories, Let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever; Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder, Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

Hallelujah! Grace shall reign  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally.

## **\*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**

## Deuteronomy 6:4-15

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. When the LORD your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a jealous God and his anger will burn against you, and he will destroy you from the face of the land. 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 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                  John 4:34-35

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." 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**

**2021 Resolution: Worship and Serve the Lord Only**

Text: Matthew 4:1-11

4 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

*Trinity Hymnal #585*

*(vv. 1,3,5,6 only)*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

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

We continue our plan to “spread out” with some gathering at home via YouTube live, some gathering in person in the Sanctuary and some gathering MASK ONLY in the Family Life Center. In the Sanctuary, we will sit/skip EVERY OTHER ROW in the main floor area downstairs. The downstairs back corner seating areas and the balcony are fully open. 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 (the words for scripture readings and hymns printed in worship guide).
- \* Until further notice: No Choir and No Children’s sermon.
- \* Please feel free to wear masks or PPE if that is your preference.
- \* Sanctuary seating downstairs with every other row empty between in the main floor area. Chairs in FLC are spread out for social distancing.
- \* Family households plan to sit together.
- \* Worship in the Family Life Center is mask only.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Lee Coble	Cheri Jackson	Kate Krebs
Nxt wk	Duree Burnett	Miranda Howland	Peggy Long
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

**Happy Birthday** today to Colin Clinton! **Happy Birthday** this week to Larry Falls and Ken Long on 1/5, Susan Joyner on 1/6, Jack Bean, Roddy Beard, Nathalee Cuffman, Cheri Jackson and Cindy Love on 1/8 and Cathy Britt, Ginger Johnson and Stewart McCall on 1/9.

**The Deacons Fund will be received in the vestibule following worship this morning.**

**We would like to wish a very special 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Jack Bean on January 8. Let's all send a birthday card in celebration of this special occasion! 124 Bethel Church Road, Clover, SC 29710.**

Please pick up your **2021 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.

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Monday:** Men of the Covenant, 6:30pm, FLC for a meal, program and fellowship. All Bethel men are invited to attend.

**Tuesday:** Circle #1, 10:30 am, Sanctuary.

**Diaconate Meeting:** 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

**Next Week:**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** Jan. 10. Please prepare your hearts ahead of our participation of the Lord's Supper together.

**Installation of Incoming WIC Council:** Jan. 10, during morning worship.

**WIC Annual Meeting:** Jan. 10, 2:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

**Today:** Youth Group is meeting tonight from 6:00-7:30pm at the church picnic shelter! Bring a friend and plan to come for some fun fellowship and time in God's word/prayer together.

**Upcoming:** The Ski Trip is scheduled for January 22-23. Please let Gunther know if you would like to come.

**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!

*Anyone wishing to have your email address added to the church email loop, please send a request to [office@bethelchurchpca.com](mailto:office@bethelchurchpca.com).*

**\*\*\* Headphones are available during worship for those with hearing difficulty. Please see a Deacon for assistance. \*\*\***

**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, Mrs. Rita Jackson, Jan Kombs (friend of J. LeMoyné, stroke), Herb LeMoyné (J. LeMoyné'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).