



# 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 31, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 42:1,11

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.  
Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your  
hope in God, for I will yet praise him my Savior and my God. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration**

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,  
so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
and the apple of my eye.

## **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**

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

*Trinity Hymnal #441*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

## **\*The Affirmation of Faith**

## ***Westminster Confession of Faith 21.1***

WCF 21.1 (Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day)- *The light of nature showeth that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all, is good, and doth good unto all, and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart, and with all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshiping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshiped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representation, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.*

## **Scripture Reading**

Luke 5:27-32

After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." NIV

## **Individual & Corporate Confession**

Almighty and most merciful God: we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; so that we may henceforth walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Joel 2:12-13

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. NIV

Collection**Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes**

1 Chronicles 29:12-13

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 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**

**Following Jesus**

Text: Matthew 16:21-28 (pew Bible p.1524)

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. <sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" <sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**    “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”    *Trinity Hymnal #605*

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?  
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell;  
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see;  
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Savior leads me - O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above:  
when my spirit, clothed, immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;  
this my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way!

*\*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 are offering infant and toddler nursery during both Sunday School and Worship Service. 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 in the downstairs back corner areas and the balcony are fully open.
- \* Family households plan to sit together.
- \* Worship in the Family Life Center is mask only; chairs are spread out for social distancing.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Jennifer Forrest	Barbara Love	Jenifer Riddle
Nxt wk	Lawson Gray	Jody Sorey	Ilse Wallace
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

**Happy Birthday** today to Brandi Icard! Happy Birthday this week to Jennifer Forrest on 2/1, Grant Thomas Miller on 2/2, Judy Ferguson, Victoria Linder, Nathan Weatherby and Renee Wilmoth on 2/3, Suzanne Johnson on 2/4, Bill Jackson on 2/5 and Sam Hall on 2/6.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Millie Kate Brackett who passed away on January 26. Visitation will be held February 1 at Christ Community Church in Simpsonville, SC at 10:00 am followed by the funeral service at 11:00 am. A private family burial will follow at the Bethel Cemetery.

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Monday:** Men of the Covenant has been moved to next Monday, February 8, at 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.

**Upcoming**

**Ridgehaven Camp:** We are encouraging rising 3rd – rising 6th graders to attend junior camp the week of June 28-July 3. To register through Bethel’s group hold, please go to our website (Ministries tab, Children drop down box) and click on the Ridgehaven

registration link. We are asking that you register by February 15 if possible since the cost for camp increases at that time. Please contact Lara in the church office with any questions at [office@bethelchurchpca.com](mailto:office@bethelchurchpca.com) or 803-222-7166.

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

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

**Next Week:** The youth group will be having a Super Bowl Party on February 7 starting at 6:30 pm at Gunther’s house. Bring a friend!

**Upcoming:** Summer camps are on the horizon! Rising 7th through rising 9th grade students have the opportunity to go to The Edge camp on Lookout Mountain (June 26-30). The deadline for The Edge is February 21. Please contact Gunther with any questions.

**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), 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. 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).