



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, July 4, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** 2 Chronicles 6:13b-14

He stood on the platform and then knelt down before the whole assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven. He said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way." NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“O God beyond All Praising”

Trinity Hymnal #660

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of 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.

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 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 1:16-25

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Merciful God, spare those who confess their faults. Lord, restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a holy, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 25:8-9

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes Philippians 4:19-20

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen. 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

Our Omnipotent God

Text: 1 Kings 18:17-41 (pew Bible p.557)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response** "See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" *Trinity Hymnal* #291

See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heav'nly palace gate:
Hark! the choirs of angel voices joyful alleluias sing,
and the portals high are lifted to receive their heav'nly King.

Who is this that comes in glory, with the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies, he has gained the victory;
he who on the cross did suffer, he who from the grave arose,
he has vanquished sin and Satan, he by death has spoiled his foes.

You have raised our human nature in the clouds to God's right hand;
there we sit in heav'nly places, there with you in glory stand:
Jesus reigns, adored by angels, man with God is on the throne;
mighty Lord, in your ascension we by faith behold our own.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Lee Coble	Kate Krebs	Shelly Van Vlake
Nxt wk	Ann Falls	Duree Burnett	Lindsey Hall
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday today to Adam Coble, Harper Anne Krebs and Judi Love! Happy Birthday this week to Benjamin Ramsey on 7/7 and Lindsay Bowman Hoffman on 7/10.

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

This Week at Bethel:

Monday: The office will be closed in observance of The 4th of July holiday.

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

Next Week:

Session Meeting: July 11, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School: July 12-16, 9:00 – 11:30 am. Registration is open and on our website. We are also looking for volunteers and prayer partners! The sign-up for volunteers can be found on our website, or at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084da8aa2aa6fd0-2021. If anyone would like to work “behind the scenes” helping to set up and/or decorate the FLC, please contact Sheridan Miller (803-230-2294) or Ilse Wallace (704-747-4703).

Upcoming:

WIC Joint Circle/Salad Supper: Replacing our regular Circle meetings, a joint meeting of all four Circles will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 6:30pm in the Family Life

Center. Our speaker is Karen Vanvieren with CAAC. Bring a salad to share.

The Women in the Church will have a drop-in wedding shower for Hailey Jackson and fiancé, Andrew Laney, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm on Sunday, July 25. The shower will be at the picnic shelter. They are registered at Amazon, Belk and Target.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Tonight: There will be no youth group tonight, have a happy Independence Day! We will resume meeting on July 11, location & time TBA.

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.

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

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. 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 Norm West.