



# 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, May 23, 2021

## Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

**\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 145:1-3

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. 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**

#### **"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.

**Leader (Q31): What is effectual calling?**

Congregation (A31): Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

**Leader (Q36): What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?**

Congregation (A36): The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

**Scripture Reading**

1 John 2:23-29

No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him. And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him. 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**                  Psalm 34:17-19

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                  Matthew 6:31-33

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 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

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake**

**Gospel Love and Gospel Living**

Text: Philippians 1:3-11 (pew Bible p.1825)

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow' st all my way, I yield my flick' ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

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

Nursery	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Toddler</u>	<u>Floater</u>
Today	Sam Griffin	Ilse Wallace	Trinna Meek
Nxt wk	Rebecca Wallace	Jackie Krashner	Ann Carol Love
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

*Happy Birthday today to Harry Compton, William Flanagan, Peggy Long and Don McCarter! Happy Birthday this week to Wayne Ensley, Jim Jackson and Calvin Reese on 5/25, Bobby Meek and Todd Meek on 5/26, Duree Burnett on 5/27 and Bill Johnson, Sarah Johnson and Ainsley Miller on 5/28.*

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Jane Love Dulin, who passed away on May 16.

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** New Members/Inquirers Class, 10:00 am, upstairs FLC conference room.

**Deacon Chairman** Adam Coble will present the Quarterly Financial Report.

**Children’s Catechism**, 5:00 pm, FLC. Join us for our final meeting as we celebrate the completion of our catechism! Around 6:15 pm, we will have a time of fellowship and share a meal together (finger foods, sandwiches, etc.)

**Thursday:** Palmetto Women’s Center Virtual Banquet Fundraiser, 6:00 – 7:45 pm, FLC. Please join us for a meal as we participate in this live streamed event and consider making a financial gift in support of their life-saving work. Although PWC was unable to hold their annual fundraising banquet in 2020, the door never closed once! PWC was one of three pregnancy centers in SC to remain open throughout the entire pandemic. In order to plan for food, please RSVP to Lara in the church office.

**Next Week:**

**Diaconate Meeting:** June 1, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

**Upcoming:**

**New Members/Inquirers Class:** continues June 6 and June 13 with Pastor Marcus during the SS hour.

**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](http://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).

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

**Today:** We will have a combined youth group with the children's Catechism class to celebrate with them. We will worship together at 5:00 pm and share a meal around 6:15 pm. Parents are welcome, please bring a finger food to share.

**Upcoming:** The youth group girls are having a lake weekend! This is a free trip-we will be going to the Long's lake house June 25-27. Please contact Gunther or Samantha if you are interested in coming!

**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 Norm West.