



# 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, November 1, 2020

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” *Trinity Hymnal #38*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**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**

**“Come Ye Sinners”**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; Doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

## **\*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**

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. 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**            Isaiah 43:25

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.” NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes**            Deuteronomy 8:18

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. 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. Mark Ashbaugh**

### **The Grace of God**

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response** "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

*Trinity Hymnal #650*

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:  
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;  
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,  
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,  
how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;  
he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

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

We continue our plan to “spread out” with some gathering at home via our YouTube page, some gathering IN PERSON in the FLC and in the Sanctuary. 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.
- \* Planning to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Nov. 8.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Kim Britt, Ann Carol Love	Ann Marsh	Sheridan Miller
Nxt wk	Shirley Brackett	Carol Davis	Beth Jackson
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<i>If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com</i>			

**Happy Birthday** this week to Ethan Coble on 11/2, Jack Howland on 11/3, Keith Brackett on 11/4, Lisa Allen on 11/5 and Hamp Stowe on 11/7.

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

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Mark Ashbaugh, RUF campus minister at Winthrop University, and his wife Katherine.

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Please come out and join us for a drive through Trunk-or-Treat at the FLC from 5:00-6:00 pm. We will be distributing candy and take-home activities!

**Monday:** Men of the Covenant will meet at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center where we can spread out. A meal will be provided, and we will have a devotional and program. All Bethel men are invited to attend.

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

**Next Week:**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** Nov. 8. Please prepare your hearts ahead of our participation of the Lord's Supper together. Note that we will not be live streaming during Communion, and the Family Life Center will not be available for worship on Nov. 8 (if questions, please refer to links provided in Nov. Focus Newsletter).

**Diaconate Meeting:** Nov. 10, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

**Upcoming:**

**Bethel Thanksgiving Meal Outreach:** Help Bethel impact our community by sharing the love of Christ by providing a meal for a family in need. *With the current COVID situation, Bethel will NOT have members deliver meals to families.* Sign up and pick up a sample shopping list in your Sunday school class or call the church office (803) 222-7166 to let us know that you would like to participate. You can also email Chris Wynkoop

at: koop08008@yahoo.com. If shopping for your meal contents well in advance, non-perishable items are recommended. Following the service on **Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** drop your meal off to the deacons in the church parking lot. The deacons will be operating a meal pick-up in the church parking lot for the families in need from 1-3 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held following worship on Nov. 29 for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2024. At this time, the 2021 budget will also be presented for endorsement and approve the change in the senior pastor's call. The following men are nominees for Elder: Chris Griesman, Dan Love, Bobby Meek and Hamp Stowe. The following men are nominees for Deacon: Tom Chidester, Tom Cuffman, Austin Griesman, Foster Krebs and Paul Robinson.

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

**Today:** Youth group will be volunteering at the Kid's Trunk-or-Treat at the FLC from 5:00-6:00 pm. Students, please donate candy for this event and see Gunther about how you can volunteer. Please join us after this at the Price house for a youth group Reformation Celebration from 6:00-8:00 pm. Non-scary costumes are encouraged!

**Upcoming:** Register now for the Youth Camping Trip, Nov. 13-15! Details and the link to register are on the youth page of our website.

**Winter Ridgehaven:** We will be attending Winter Ridgehaven from Dec. 28-Jan. 2. This trip is open to all youth from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Details concerning costs and sign ups will be coming soon.

**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:** 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).