



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, November 15, 2020

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 103:8, 10; 1 John 1:9

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. NIV

New Communing Member Introduction and Vows (from Book of Church Order 57-5)

Julie Parnell Marsh

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Baptism

(from Book of Church Order 56-5)

Griffin and Julie Marsh present their daughter, Janie Ann Marsh, for the sacrament of baptism.

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion,

and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“Amazing Grace!”

Trinity Hymnal #460

Amazing grace! - how sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

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**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***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

Ephesians 2:4-9

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 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. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Most Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before Thee our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou alone knows how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in His name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Romans 10:9-11

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes 1 John 4:19-21

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. 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

LOVE EACH OTHER

Text: 1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. NIV

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Kate Krebs	Cheri Jackson	Cullie Mounts
Nxt wk	Lee Coble	Marianne Falls	Cindy Love
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday this week to Mason Cuffman, Matt Falls, Rebecca Meek Langston and Zach Woolard on 11/16, Jessie Van Vlake on 11/17, Kathleen Payne and James Sorey on 11/18, Mary Love on 11/19, Anne Adams, Lena McFalls and Kay Stewart on 11/20 and Kevin Burton, Nathan Holben and Hanna Moore on 11/21.

This Week at Bethel:

Wednesday: Good Samaritans Committee meeting, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS room. Anyone interested in joining the Good Samaritans committee? Please join us for the meeting.

Next Week:

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. 22nd** 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 22nd.

Session Meeting: Nov. 22, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary with Deacons to attend.

Upcoming:

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: No Youth Group tonight.

Next Week: We will return to our regular Youth Group schedule Sunday evening from 6:00-7:30 pm.

Winter Ridgehaven: We will be attending Winter Ridgehaven from Dec. 28-Jan. 2. This trip is open to all youth from 7th-12th grades. Please email or text Gunther Griffin if you would like to register for this trip.

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.

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).