



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 21, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 148:1-5, 14

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded they were created. He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD. 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** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *Trinity Hymnal #457*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it - prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets, and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 7:11-14

When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, the LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 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

Hebrews 4:14, 16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 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

Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake

Praying Faith

Text: James 5:13-20 (pew Bible p.1885)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642

(vv. 1,3,5 only)

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 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.

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.*

Nursery	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>
Today	Abby Chidester, Beth Jackson, Jessica McMullen	Kristen Meek, Marissa Robinson
Nxt wk	Beverly Frommel, Johna Griesman, Cathy Robinson	Peggy Long, Mandy Wynkoop
<p><i>Happy Birthday today to Kevin Burton, Nathan Holben and Hanna Moore! Happy Birthday this week to Lawson Brackett Gray on 11/22, Lilia McKinnon on 11/23, Lorie Rohrer on 11/24 and Robert Henderson on 11/27.</i></p> <p>The rose in the sanctuary today is given to the glory of God by Tim and Ann Marsh in celebration of the birth of their grandson, Charles (Charlie) Griffin Marsh, Jr. who was born November 7th. Proud parents are Griffin and Julie Marsh and big sister Janie Ann.</p> <p><u>This Week at Bethel:</u> Today: The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2025, congregational endorsement of the 2022 budget, for approval of change to the Senior Pastor’s Call, and electing additional Church Trustees. The Session recommends to the congregation that Cary Grant and Bobby Love both be elected as additional Church Trustees. The following men are nominees for Elder: Steve Britt, Larry Falls, Cary Grant, Dean McCarter and Bobby Meek. The following men are nominees for Deacon: Kyle Mounts, Paul D. Robinson and Paul J. Robinson. Also, to consider a proposal to have the Session serve as a Pulpit Committee for recommending an Associate Pastor (Trent Thomas). Bethel Thanksgiving Meal Outreach: Following the service, please drop your meal off to the Deacons in the church parking lot. Chili Cookoff: All are welcome! Bring a side if you want to join us! The youth will bring chili! 5:00 pm in the FLC.</p> <p>Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am, Basement.</p> <p>Upcoming: Advent Bible Reading Plan-Starting in December, consider joining other Bethel folks and families in a Book of</p>		<p>Matthew Bible Reading Plan during the advent season. Please contact Trent if you want more information.</p> <p>Children’s Christmas Play: Dec. 5, 6:00 pm, FLC. Bring your favorite finger foods/pick-ups! The Joy Gift offering for the Ministerial Relief Fund will be taken up at this time. Please make checks out to Bethel WIC.</p> <p>The Men of the Covenant will have their annual Christmas meal with wives invited on Monday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 pm in the FLC. The meal will be catered, and the cost will be \$12 per person and is to be paid that evening. Please let Calvin Reese or James Long know no later than Tuesday, Nov. 30 if you plan to come so we will know how much food is needed.</p> <p>Kids Quest & Catechisms will resume Jan. 9, 5:00-6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.</p> <p><u>Bethel Youth Group News:</u> Today: Youth Leaders Meeting at 3:45 pm in basement, all parents please come! Tonight: Chili Cookoff at 5:00 pm! Anyone and everyone welcome, please bring a side! Next Week: No Youth Group, Thanksgiving break! Ongoing: We have discipleship groups up and running, please talk to Gunther if you’d like to be involved! Upcoming: The Ski Trip is coming up in January, dates will be announced ASAP!</p> <p><u>Building Plans Update:</u> 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!</p>
<p>Prayer Requests: Bobby Armstrong (brother-in-law of S. McCarter Mizell, cancer), 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), Scott Wallace (breast cancer) and Norm West.</p>		