



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 8, 2020

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Revelation 4:8b-11

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being." NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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**

“Jesus, I Come”

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health, Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love, Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

***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

1 Peter 3:8-22

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give

the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 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 Vlakte

Death gives New Life

Text: 1 Peter 4:1-7

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. ²As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they

heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. ⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear and self-controlled so that you can pray. NIV

Celebration

***The Hymn of Consecration** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Trinity Hymnal* #252

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal #481

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face;
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion -
for more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you - he promised;
believe him and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell!

**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	Shirley Brackett	Carol Davis	Beth Jackson
Nxt wk	Cheri Jackson, Kate Krebs	Cindy Love	Cullie Mounts
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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 Brenda Glenn on 11/9, Don Johnson and Dennis LeMoyné on 11/10, Hannah Parker on 11/11, Shelly Van Vlakte on 11/13 and Marianne Falls, Cary Grant and Dean McCarter on 11/14.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mr. Bob Ferster, who passed away on November 1.

To honor all veterans buried in Bethel Cemetery, US Flags have been placed on veteran graves in the cemetery. We would also like to honor all veterans who are in our congregation today and THANK YOU for your service.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Monday: Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS room.

Tuesday: Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS room.

Diaconate Meeting: 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Wednesday: Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Covenant SS room.

Next Week:

Good Samaritans Committee meeting: Nov. 18, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS room. Anyone interested in joining the Good Samaritans committee? Please join us for the Nov. 18th meeting.

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. 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.

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 is meeting tonight from 6:00-7:30pm at the church picnic shelter! Bring a friend and plan to come for some fun fellowship and time in God's word/prayer together.

This Week: 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 7th-12th grades. Details concerning costs and sign-ups will be coming soon.

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).