



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, October 10, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. 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**

"Thy Mercy My God"

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great father of mercies thy goodness I own
and the covenant love of thy crucified son;
all praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.
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seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

***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

Genesis 22:1-14

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on

together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." 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 Ephesians 2:8-9

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

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes

1 John 3:16-18

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 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

Living Faith

Text: James 2:14-26 (pew Bible p.1882)

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**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Trinity Hymnal #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Miranda Howland	Samantha Griffin	Kim Britt
Nxt wk	Jenifer Riddle	Rebecca Wallace	Cindy Love

Happy Birthday today to Floyd Neal! Happy Birthday this week to Ginger Bowman on 10/11, Jackie Krashner on 10/12, Vicky Henderson on 10/13, Austin Griesman on 10/14, Elaine Moseley on 10/15 and Lee Coble and Kathy Compton on 10/16.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: Elder and Deacon Nominees, training class from 10:00 – 10:45 am with Pastor Marcus in the FLC.

The Women in the Church will have a drop-in wedding shower for Aubree Britt and fiancé, Joshua Chambers, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the FLC. Since the couple will be relocating to Washington after the wedding, gift cards would be appreciated.

Kids Quest & Catechisms, 5:00-6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

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

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am, Basement.
Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

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

Thursday: Mentors & Moms, 9:30-11:15 am, Ed. Bldg.

Saturday: Fellowship Presbytery WIC Fall Gathering, 8:30-11:30 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our speaker is Karen Hodge with a continental breakfast provided. Masks optional, no nursery.

Next Week:

Session Meeting: Oct. 17, 2:00 pm, Conf. room.

Elder and Deacon Nominees: Final training class on Oct. 17 from 10:00 – 10:45 am with Pastor Marcus in the FLC.

Upcoming:

Reformation Celebration: Oct. 31.

Operation Christmas Child has distributed 188 million shoebox gifts around the world since 1993 through Samaritan’s Purse. This year, our goal at Bethel is 170. Pray that we can reach even more children with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as they experience these tangible expressions of God’s Love. Please consider participating in Operation Christmas Child this year by filling a few shoeboxes. The Nix family is coordinating, and more information will be forthcoming-including brochures with labels. The final collection date will be November 7.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Tonight: Youth Group as normal, we will be meeting from 5:00-6:30 pm in the basement.

Ongoing: Our D-groups are up & running! 7-9th grade girls are meeting on Wednesdays from 6-7:00 pm in the youth basement, 10-11th grade girls are meeting on Sundays from 4-5:00 pm in the youth basement and 10-12th grade boys are meeting on Thursdays from 7-9:00 pm at Gunther's house. Please do not hesitate to reach out for more info. 7-9th grade boys, stay tuned!

Nov. 12-14: Our Youth Camping Trip is coming up! We will be heading to Chester State Park and we'd love to have you! Sign-up information is TBA.

Nov. 21: Our annual chili cook-off is returning! Start thinking about your winning recipe now!

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), Kathy Forester (E. Moseley’s sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, Charlotte Jackson, 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), Scott Wallace (breast cancer) and Norm West.