



# 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, October 11, 2020

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**      Psalm 48:1a

“Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise...” 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**

### **"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"**

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day  
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land,  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore,  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in his bosom rest.

## **\*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**

Hebrews 9:27-28...10:11-12...19-31

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him...Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the

knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. NIV

### **Individual & Corporate Confession**

Almighty and most merciful God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins, which we, from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Your divine majesty. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life; to the honor and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**                      Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                      Exodus 25:2

"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give." 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

### The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Text: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> 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 in the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Nothing but the Blood”

*Trinity Hymnal #307*

What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
what can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
for my pardon this my plea — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
naught of good that I have done — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
this is all my righteousness — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
now by this I'll reach my home — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*\*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.
- \* Sunday School planning to restart on Oct. 25 (specific plans still being made and will be communicated in October).
- \* 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	Ann Falls, Jody Sorey	Shannon Griesman	Shelly Van Flake
Nxt wk	Lindsey Hall	Jackie Krashner, Amber Weatherby	Beverly Frommel
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**Happy Birthday** today to Ginger Bowman! Happy Birthday this week to Lib Jackson and Jackie Krashner on 10/12, Vicky Henderson on 10/13, James Heard on 10/14, Elaine Moseley on 10/15, Lee Coble and Kathy Compton on 10/16 and Moriah Slavens Fox and Patrick Love on 10/17.

Congratulations to Kim and Steve Britt, and father Grayson Smith, on the birth of their granddaughter Callie Drew Smith on October 2. Callie Drew weighed 8lbs, 5oz at birth and measured 21" long.

Congratulations to Kenny Gray and Lawson Brackett who were married in Clover, SC on October 3.

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.

**Monday:** Men of the Covenant, 6:30 pm, FLC. A meal will be provided, and we will elect officers, deal with other business matters, and have a devotional. All Bethel men are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Circle #3,** 7:00pm, Covenant classroom.

**Tuesday:** Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant classroom.

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

**Next Week:**

**Elder and Deacon Nominees:** Please plan to attend training from 10:00 – 10:45 am on Oct. 18 and 25 with Pastor Marcus in the conference room.

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

**Today:** Please join us at 6:00 pm outside at the picnic shelter to welcome Gunther and Sam Griffin to Bethel. Gunther is our new Pastoral Intern. This will be a time for all youth and their families to gather for food and fellowship.

**Upcoming:** Our regular youth group rhythm for the fall will be Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm. Please plan on attending this fall and thanks for your continued participation.

**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!

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*Anyone wishing to have your email address added to the church email loop, please send a request to [office@bethelchurchpca.com](mailto:office@bethelchurchpca.com).*

**\*\*\* Headphones are available during worship for those with hearing difficulty. Please see a Deacon for assistance. \*\*\***

**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).