



# 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 17, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 63:3-5

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration**    “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”    *Trinity Hymnal #164*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**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.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.

**\*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

Isaiah 29:13-19

The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men. Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder; the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish. Woe to those who go to great depths to hide their plans from the LORD, who do their work in darkness and think, "Who sees us? Who will know?" You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what is formed say him who formed it, "He did not make me"? Can the pot say of the potter, "He knows nothing"? In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest? In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see. Once more the humble will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel." 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**            1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. NIV

Collection

**Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**            Psalm 24:1

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. 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**

**Godly Faith**

Text: James 3:1-12 (pew Bible p.1883)

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**    “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.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Jenifer Riddle	Rebecca Wallace	Cindy Love
Nxt wk	Renée Nix	Amanda Brummett	Beth Stowe

*Happy Birthday today to Moriah Slavens Fox! Happy Birthday this week to William Frommel on 10/18, Brandon Harrell on 10/19, Brenda Boyd, Neil Boyd, Shirley Brackett, Charles Flanagan, Jesse Holben and Pat Miller on 10/20, Grace Alexander on 10/21, Nell Martin and Kimberly Richards on 10/22 and Tom Cuffman, Miriam Hovis, Mandy Mullis, Emmie Neely and Sharan Shively on 10/23.*

**This Week at Bethel:**

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

**Session Meeting,** 2:00 pm, Conf. room.

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

**Tuesday:** Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am, Basement.

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

**Upcoming:**

**Reformation Celebration:** Oct. 31, 5:00-6:30 pm. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! Please bring your favorite supper pickups to share – be on the lookout for a Signup Genius. Feel free to dress up but no scary costumes please.

**Nursery:** Great news, we need your help because we again need to expand the combined nursery into two classes—Infant (0-2 years) and Toddler (2-4 years). Please email [rossjudi99@yahoo.com](mailto:rossjudi99@yahoo.com) if you are NOT currently on the nursery schedule and wish to be added. Please contact Judi Love or Laura Clinton with any questions.

**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.

**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! Our theme this weekend is Evangelism- How to Reach Our Friends with the Gospel. Please sign up by emailing, texting, or delivering any other form of written communication to Gunther! Invite your friends!

**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. 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.