



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 24, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. NIV

The Sacrament of Baptism

(from Book of Church Order 56-5)

Ethan and Rebecca Wallace present their son, Bobby Glenn Wallace, for the sacrament of baptism.

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Trinity Hymnal #32

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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.

Leader (Q2): What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Congregation (A2): The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Leader (Q3): What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Congregation (A3): The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Leader (Q4): What is God?

Congregation (A4): God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-6

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today. See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." 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 Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace...NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 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 Vlakte

Wise Faith

Text: James 3:13-4:12 (pew Bible p.1883)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Trinity Hymnal #30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

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

Nursery	<u>Infants</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>
Today	Renée Nix, Ann Carol Love, Amanda Brummett	Brittany Neely, Beth Stowe
Nxt wk	Peggy Long, Ilse Wallace, Rebecca Wallace	Shannon Griesman, Lindsey Hall
<p><i>Happy Birthday this week to Johna Griesman on 10/25, Grayson Love on 10/26, Jessica McMullan on 10/28 and Beckham Boyd Munn, Harper Lee Munn and Jennifer Boyd Munn on 10/29.</i></p> <p><u>This Week at Bethel:</u> Today: Deacon Chairman Adam Coble will present the 3rd Quarter Financial Update. Kids Quest & Catechisms, 5:00-6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.</p> <p>Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 am, Basement.</p> <p>Thursday: Mentors & Moms, 9:30-11:15 am, Ed. Bldg.</p> <p><u>Next Week:</u> Reformation Celebration: Oct. 31, 5:00 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.</p> <p>Diaconate Meeting: Nov. 2, 7:00 pm, Conf. room.</p> <p>WIC Council Meeting: Nov. 3, 6:30 pm, Covenant SS room.</p> <p><u>Upcoming:</u> Operation Christmas Child has distributed 188 million shoebox gifts around the world since 1993 through Samaritan’s Purse. 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.</p> <p>Men of the Covenant: Nov. 8, 6:30 pm, FLC for a meal, devotional and program. All Bethel men are encouraged to attend.</p> <p>Bethel Thanksgiving Meal Outreach: Help Bethel impact our community by sharing the love of Christ by providing a meal for a family in need. Sign up and pick up a sample shopping</p>		<p>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. Following the service on Sunday, Nov. 21st drop your meal off to the deacons in the church parking lot.</p> <p>The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 21 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.</p> <p><u>Bethel Youth Group News:</u> Tonight: Youth Group as normal, we will be meeting from 5:00-6:30 pm in the basement.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Nov. 21: Our annual chili cook-off is returning! Start thinking about your winning recipe now!</p> <p>Nov. 21: Youth Group Parents, I am so thankful for your involvement in the youth ministry. To continue to cultivate this, we will begin having quarterly youth leader team meetings, starting November 21st at 3:45pm. All parents are welcome, please reach out with any questions.</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>		