



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 25, 2020

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 103:1

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** “10,000 Reasons”

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

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.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

***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.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there... Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways. In wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light, and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. This we pray, in His name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 34:11-12

“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.” NIV

Collection**Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord’s Tithes**

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. 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

Equipped to Advance

Text: 1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ 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...NIV

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Trinity Hymnal #572

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before:
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
forward into battle, see, his banners go.

*Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory:
hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
we are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus constant will remain;
gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song;
glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King:
this through countless ages men and angels sing.

**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 are now offering infant and toddler nursery. 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.
- * Planning to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Nov. 8.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Meredith Clinton	Judi Love	Beth Stowe
Nxt wk	Kim Britt, Ann Carol Love	Ann Marsh	Sheridan Miller
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday today to *Johna Griesman! Happy Birthday this week to Grayson Love on 10/26, Jessica McMullan on 10/28, Beckham Boyd Munn, Harper Lee Munn and Jennifer Boyd Munn on 10/29 and Lucas Johnson and Tom Love on 10/31.*

Next Week:

Please come out and join us for a drive through **Trunk-or-Treat** at the FLC on Nov. 1 from 5:00-6:00 pm. We will be distributing candy and take-home activities! If you would like to volunteer at this event, please see Gunther Griffin.

Men of the Covenant: will meet Monday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center where we can spread out. A meal will be provided, and we will have a devotional and program. All Bethel men are invited to attend.

Diaconate Meeting: Nov. 3, 7:00 pm.

Upcoming:

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Nov. 8.

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.

Bethel Youth Group News:

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

Next Week: Sunday, Nov. 1, the youth group will be volunteering at the Kid's Trunk-or-Treat at the FLC from 5:00-6:00 pm. Students, please donate candy for this event and see Gunther about how you can volunteer. Please join us after this at the Price house for a youth group Reformation Celebration from 6:00-8:00 pm. Non-scary costumes are encouraged!

Upcoming: Register now for the Youth Camping Trip, Nov. 13-15! Details and the link to register are on the youth page of our website.

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!

Anyone wishing to have your email address added to the church email loop, please send a request to office@bethelchurchpca.com.

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).