



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 3, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 98:1-2

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *Trinity Hymnal #345*

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove:
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage? -
grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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**

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all— Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Leader (Q30): Doth God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

Congregation (A30): God doth not leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery, into which they fell by the breach of the first covenant, commonly called the covenant of works; but of his mere love and mercy delivereth his elect out of it, and bringeth them into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 10:17-18

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the alien, giving him food and clothing. NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to Thee: we humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved Thee with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with Thee, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your Loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; and uphold us with Your free Spirit. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. NIV

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

James 1:17-18

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. 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

Mr. Trent Thomas

Favoritism or Faith: Pick One

Text: James 2:1-13 (pew Bible p.1881)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“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!

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Cheri Jackson	Lee Coble	Beverly Frommel
Nxt wk	Miranda Howland	Samantha Griffin	Kim Britt

Happy Birthday today to Sam Griffin! Happy Birthday this week to Barbara Love and Lucas Sorey on 10/9.

The Deacons Fund will be received in the vestibule following worship this morning.

The following men were nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon. **Elder Nominees:** Steve Britt, Cary Grant, Larry Falls, Dean McCarter and Bobby Meek. **Deacon Nominees:** Kyle Mounts, Paul D. Robinson and Paul J. Robinson.

This Week at Bethel:

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

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

Monday: Men of the Covenant, 6:30 pm, FLC for a meal, devotion and program.

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

Circle #1, 10:30 am, Sanctuary.

Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 pm, Conf. room.

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

Next Week:

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

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Oct. 10. Please prepare your hearts ahead of our participation of the Lord's Supper together.

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 on Sunday, October 10 in the FLC. Since the couple will be relocating to Washington after the wedding, gift cards would be appreciated.

Fellowship Presbytery WIC Fall Gathering: Oct. 16, 8:30-11:30 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our speaker is Karen Hodge with a continental breakfast provided. Masks optional, no nursery.

Upcoming:

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

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!

Upcoming: *DATE CHANGE* October 9, Get ready for a fall celebration at the Bush-n-Vine! We will meet at 3:00 pm at the farms to pick out some pumpkins, followed by a pumpkin carving contest. More details to follow.

November 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.

DATE TBD: Our annual chili cook-off is returning! Start thinking about your winning recipe now!

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.