



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, September 12, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name—he is holy. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Trinity Hymnal #100

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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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**

“All Must Be Well”

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well;
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well;
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well;
On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying,
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well.

***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 11:1-13

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations,

whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered himself faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. 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 2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. 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

The Road to Mature and Wise Faith

Text: James 1:1-8 (pew Bible p.1880)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Trinity Hymnal #642

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Kim Britt	Ann Marsh	Beth Jackson
Nxt wk	Cindy Love	Marissa Robinson	Beverly Frommel
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday today to Nic Bourque, Abby Chidester, Beth Jackson and Samuel Wynkoop! Happy Birthday this week to Beth Stowe on 9/13, Travis Quinn on 9/14, Tom Ed Glenn and John Richard Van Vlake on 9/15, Jessica Culbertson, Chad McKinnon and Kristen Meek on 9/17 and Benjamin McCall on 9/18.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of sweet Levins Mounts on her birthday by her family.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Joy McCarter and family on the passing of her husband, Mr. Andy McCarter, on September 2.

Elder/Deacon Nominations: Ongoing during the month of September. Nomination forms are available in the vestibule and the office. Final day to submit nominations is Sunday, Sept. 26.

This Week at Bethel:

Today: We welcome our new Pastoral Intern Chad McKinnon, his wife Julie and their children!

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

Kids Quest & Catechisms: 5:00-6:30 pm, starting in the Covenant classroom and followed by a hot dog supper in the FLC. (Nursery workers are still needed.)

Monday: Men of the Covenant, 6:30 pm at Steve and Victoria Linder's home, 16528 Plantation Woods Dr., Charlotte for a meal, election of officers, and fellowship. Those who want to carpool are asked to meet outside the Family Life Center at 6:00 pm. All Bethel men are invited to attend.

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

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

Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

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

Next Week:

Collection for CAAC: Sept. 19 before and after worship, the Deacons will be collecting needed items for the Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC). Suggested items are: instant mashed potatoes, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, mac and cheese, grits, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise. Let's be a blessing to the CAAC and the Clover community by restocking those shelves!

Upcoming:

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.

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. Please turn in registration form and \$5 fee to Virginia Johnson by Sept. 22- checks made out to Bethel WIC. Masks optional, no nursery.

Operation Christmas Child: We are looking for a volunteer to be a Project Leader for our Operation Christmas Child offering. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Today: Youth group will be running later than normal for the Kids Quest kick-off dinner. We will meet at 5:30 pm for our lesson and hang out until dinner at 6:30 pm. Parents are welcome to both!

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.