



# 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, September 19, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration**

**“Sovereign Grace O’er Sin Abounding”**

Sovereign grace o’er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
‘Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories, Let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever; Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel’s hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder, Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

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Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally.

## **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**

### **"Come Ye Sinners"**

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; Doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

## **\*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 11:13-22

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. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones. NIV

## **Individual & Corporate Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**                  Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                  1 Chronicles 29:12-13

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 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**

**Humbling Faith**

Text: James 1:9-18 (pew Bible p.1880)

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	Cindy Love	Marissa Robinson	Beverly Frommel
Nxt wk	Douglas McCarter	Ilse Wallace	Marianne Falls
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

*Happy Birthday today to Brittany Neely! Happy Birthday this week to Isabel Johnson on 9/21, Matthew Deegan and Isaac McKinnon on 9/22, Paul Joyner on 9/23, Mason Stowe on 9/24 and Kyle Mounts on 9/25.*

**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:** Collection for CAAC. Before and after worship, the Deacons will be collecting needed items for the Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC).

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

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

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

**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 meet as normal from 5-6:30 pm with Pastor Trent in the Basement.

**Upcoming:** Our Youth Camping Trip is coming up! We will be heading to Chester State Park from November 12- November 14. We'd love to have you! Sign-up information is TBA.

**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](mailto:office@bethelchurchpca.com).*

**\*\*\* Headphones are available during worship for those with hearing difficulty. Please see a Deacon for assistance. \*\*\***

**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. LeMoyne, stroke), Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne'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.