



# 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 20, 2020

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Revelation 19:6b-7

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 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!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**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, 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.

## **\*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**

Isaiah 53:1-9

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. NIV

## **Individual & Corporate Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Merciful God, spare those who confess their faults. Lord restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a holy, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**                  Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                  Psalm 50:14

"Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High..." 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**

### **Christian Relationship to ... within the Workplace**

Text: 1 Peter 2:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

*Trinity Hymnal #246*

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, "It is finished!" was his cry;  
now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

*\*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 have begun offering infant and toddler nursery during Worship Service only. 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.
- \* Sunday School planning to restart on Oct. 25 (specific plans still being made and will be communicated in October).
- \* 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	Jenifer Riddle	Beverly Frommel	Lorie Holben
Nxt wk	Duree Burnett	Laura Clinton, Cheri Jackson	Mandy Wynkoop
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**Happy Birthday** this week to Isabel Johnson on 9/21, Matthew Deegan on 9/22, Paul Joyner on 9/23, Mason Stowe on 9/24, Mary Jane Dulin and Kyle Mounts on 9/25 and Teresa Spangler on 9/26.

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** New Members/Inquirers Class, 10-10:45 am in the FLC conference room with Pastor Marcus.

The **Women in the Church** will have a drop-in wedding shower for Lawson Brackett and Kenny Gray from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. They like Lowe’s gift cards, too. No refreshments will be served. Social Distancing Guidelines should be respected.

**Elder/Deacon nominations:** Sept. 1-30. Nomination forms will be available in the vestibule, the office and can also be printed from our website under the member tab.

**Next Week:**

**New Members/Inquirers Class:** continues Sept. 27 and Oct. 4 from 10-10:45 am in the FLC conference room with Pastor Marcus. Please call (803-222-7166) or email (office@bethelchurchpca.com) Lara in the office if you plan to attend.

**Upcoming:**

**Men of the Covenant:** will have a kick-off meeting (since we have not met since March due to the virus) on Monday, October 12th, at 6:30 pm in the FLC where we can spread out. Note that this is the 2nd Monday night instead of our normal first Monday night to meet. A meal will be provided, and we will elect officers, deal with other business matters, and have a devotional. All Bethel men are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

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

**Upcoming:** Our regular youth group rhythm for the fall will be Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm. Please plan on attending this fall and thanks for your continued participation.

**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!

*Audio recordings of our sermons are available under the “media” tab on the church website, [www.BethelChurchPCA.com](http://www.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, 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).