



# 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 26, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 29:10-11

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. NIV

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

### **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**

**“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”**

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day  
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land,  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore,  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father’s face, And in his bosom rest.

## **\*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 11:23-29

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. 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**                      Joel 2:12-13

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                      Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” 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 Vlakte**

**"Doing" Faith**

Text: James 1:19-27 (pew Bible p.1881)

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Trinity Hymnal #572

(vv. 1, 3, 5 only)

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.*

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.

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.*

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Douglas McCarter	Ilse Wallace	Marianne Falls
Nxt wk	Cheri Jackson	Lee Coble	Beverly Frommel

*Happy Birthday today to Cora Herrmann and Teresa Spangler! Happy Birthday this week to Catherine Bourque and Jenni Quinn on 9/28, Trent Thomas on 9/29, John Adams on 9/30, Kim Deal on 10/1 and Brenda Gess, Micah McKinnon and Callie Smith on 10/2.*

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elouise Iva Neely (Ellie) by her parents, Seth and Brittany Neely.

**Elder/Deacon Nominations:** All nomination forms are due today. Elder and Deacon nominees please plan to attend training during the Sunday School hour at 10:00 am with Pastor Marcus in the conference room beginning October 3.

With Covid continuing to be up and down, we want to continue encouraging everyone to take responsibility for the decisions you make for yourselves and your family, as well as considering and loving one another well. Thank you for being mindful and cautious when anyone in your household is not feeling well to please worship online from home. Thanks for ongoing gracious consideration of each other and praise the Lord for our continuing unity in Him...to Him be all glory!

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** 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.

**Next Week:**

**Men of the Covenant:** Oct. 4, 6:30 pm, FLC for a meal, devotion and program.

**Diaconate Meeting:** Oct. 5, 7:00 pm, Conf. room.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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! 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls are meeting on Wednesdays from 6-7:00 pm in the youth basement, 10-11<sup>th</sup> grade girls are meeting on Sundays from 4-5:00 pm in the youth basement and 10-12<sup>th</sup> 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. 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade boys, stay tuned!

**Upcoming:** October 23, 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.

**November 19:** 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. 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.