



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 5, 2021

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Psalm 95:1-3

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. NIV

***The Hymn of Adoration** “All Creatures of Our God and King” *Trinity Hymnal #115*

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Trinity Hymnal #94

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Leader (Q79): May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?

Congregation (A79): True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32:36-41

“You are saying about this city, ‘By the sword, famine and plague it will be handed over to the king of Babylon’; but this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.”
NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Almighty and most merciful God: we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; so that we may henceforth walk in the way of Your commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon 1 Peter 1:3-4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you. NIV

Collection

Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes Exodus 25:2

"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give." 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

Keep Going in Him

Text: Jude 17-25 (pew Bible p.1910)

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *Trinity Hymnal #521*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Jessica McMullen	Beth Jackson	Nathalee Cuffman
Nxt wk	Kim Britt	Ann Marsh	Beth Jackson

Happy Birthday this week to Roger Brown and Dave Nix on 9/6, Hailey Jackson and Janie Marsh on 9/8, Carter Jackson and Harper Love on 9/9 and Meredith Clinton on 9/11.

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

Congratulations to Larry Meek & Janice Currence who were married here on September 4.

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:

Tuesday: Circle #1, 10:30 am, Sanctuary.

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

Wednesday: Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Covenant SS classroom.

Thursday: Mentors and Moms from 9:30 to 11:15am. Join us for fun, food, fellowship and Bible study. A nursery is provided. Please register on the church website for planning purposes. For more information, contact Ann Falls at 803-517-5281 or at apfalls@yahoo.com

Next Week:

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 12: Bethel is adjusting the Providence and Fellowship Small Group Sunday School classes. The Providence class will focus on adults (with children primarily in Middle/High School) while the NEW Fellowship Small Group class (**Trent Thomas will be leading!**) will be focusing on gathering Young Families/Adults (with little children/elementary age) and Young Married Couples, and Singles. As always, you may attend either one, but we do highly encourage you to consider coming to join us @ the 10 o'clock hour as we adjust our Small Group Sunday School offerings this fall.

Session Meeting: Sept. 12, 2:00 pm, Conf. room.

Children's Kid's Quest & Catechisms will start back up Sept. 12 from 5-6:30pm! Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ilse Wallace or Trent at the office for any questions.

Men of the Covenant: Sept. 13, 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.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study starts back up on Sept. 14 at 9:30am in the church basement. We are studying Randy Alcorn's book "Heaven". We will start back studying chapter 22. If you need a book, contact Lindsay LeMoyné at 704-201-7083 or lindsaylemoyne@yahoo.com. Hope you can come!

Upcoming:

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!

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: No youth tonight as we break for Labor Day!

We have started our 10-12th grade D-Groups, if you are not part of one but interested in joining, please talk to Gunther. We are in the process of starting our 7-9th grade D-Groups, details will be announced soon!

Save the Date! The Annual camping trip at Chester State Park is scheduled for November 12-14.

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.