



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 6, 2020

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

Adoration

***The Call to Worship** Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” 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.

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.

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Scripture Reading

John 6:33-40

“For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
“Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.” Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.”
NIV

Individual & Corporate Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; whose face is hidden from us by our sins; and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1-2

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. NIV

Collection**Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**

Acts 20:35

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" 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**

The Lord is My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Response & Benediction

***The Hymn of Response**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

**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 downstairs and will continue with the balcony being open to back row only seating. 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 (do not plan to handle hymnals/pew bibles, the words for scripture readings and hymns printed in worship guide).
- * Until further notice: No Choir, No Children’s sermon, no “in person” Sunday School.
- * Please no physical contact at this time (no handshakes or hugs, etc....)
- * Please feel free to wear masks or PPE if that is your preference.
- * Please fill in seats front to back and dismiss in reverse order while not gathering in large groups at exits.
- * Sanctuary seating downstairs with every other row empty between, and balcony open for back row seating. Chairs in FLC are spread out for social distancing.
- * Family households plan to sit together.

Nursery	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Today	Lee Coble	Peggy Long	Ilse Wallace
Nxt wk	Cindy Love, Cathy Robinson	Jennifer Forrest	Lindsay LeMoyne
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If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com

Happy Birthday today to Roger Brown! *Happy Birthday this week to Peter Scheidt on 9/7, Hailey Jackson on 9/8, Carter Jackson and Harper Love on 9/9, Meredith Clinton on 9/11 and Nic Bourque, Abby Chidester, Beth Jackson and Samuel Wynkoop on 9/12.*

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our sweet Levins Mounts, who will be turning 5 in heaven on September 9th, by all her family.

This Week at Bethel:

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

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

Next Week:

Session Meeting: September 13, 2:00 pm.

Upcoming:

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.

New Members/Inquirers Class: Sept. 20, 27, and Oct. 4 from 10-10:45 am in the FLC conference room. Please call (803-222-7166) or email (office@bethelchurchpca.com) Lara in the office if you plan to attend.

The **Women in the Church** will have a wedding shower for Lawson Brackett and Kenny Gray on Sunday, September 20th. The drop-in will be 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.

Nursery: We have only had a few older infants/ toddlers during the worship service over the last couple of months and have been combining the infant and toddler nurseries. Please refer to the nursery schedule in the back of your Circle book and prayerfully consider if you feel comfortable serving in the nursery with our little ones. If you do NOT want to serve the rest of the year, please contact Judi Love at rossjudi99@yahoo.com or 803-628-1458, or Laura Clinton at laurac76@live.com or 803-627-1791. Please do not contact us at this time if you have a conflict with a specific date due to being out of town, etc. You can let me know or find a replacement closer to that time. Thank you so much for your consideration and service to Bethel's children.

Bethel Youth Group News:

Today: NO youth group tonight due to Labor Day; enjoy the holiday!

Upcoming: Next week (Sept 13) we'll have a meal and hang out during our normal youth group time! More details to come.

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. 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) and Adam Stowe (leukemia).