



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, January 12, 2025

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

Job 37:14

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Proverbs 6:23

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life.

Adoration

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100 ESV

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

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.

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.
- 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
- 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
- 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
- 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you; the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on my altar, and I will beautify my beautiful house.
- 8 Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?
- 9 For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

The Call to Confession

Hosea 14:1-2 ESV

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. So, let us draw near to the Lord with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and all holy Father; we confess ourselves unworthy of Your unspeakable Gift. We have not loved You as we ought; nor have we always been loving to one another; kindhearted, forgiving one another; even as You, for Christ's sake, have forgiven us. We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride, and the good gifts You have bestowed upon us, we have not used to relieve the burdens of others.

Pardon and blot out our offenses, we beg You. O merciful Father, who in compassion for Your sinful children did send Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world: Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share in the evil which made it needful for Him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance wrought by Jesus Christ our only Redeemer. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:10-11 ESV

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. [*Refrain*]

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! [*Refrain*]

***The Confession of Faith**

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.

Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried; He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.

For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Exodus 25:2 ESV

Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

The Offertory Anthem

The Choir

***The 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.

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Consecration

The Children's Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer

***The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 5:7-14 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1162)

The Sermon

Walk in Light

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. Escaping _____ with children of darkness (vs. 7-8a)
 - A. This command doesn't mean _____ all interaction with unbelievers but that we are called not to join in their _____ behavior.
 - B. Since we are now in Christ, our love of God _____ us to act differently.
- II. Embracing our _____ as children of light (vs. 8b-10)
 - A. All disciples _____ God's glory as we imitate His _____.
 - B. The Holy Spirit _____ the characteristics of goodness, righteousness and truth in God's _____.

Colossians 1:10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

C. The fruit of light are _____ traits that confirm our desire to _____ the Lord in all we do.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

III. Eluding _____ in works of darkness (vs. 11-13)

A. Instead of _____ in evil deeds, we are called to _____ those works

B. Darkness _____ works that are useless, unproductive and lead to _____.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

C. The real _____ of our lives is displayed by the light of God.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: supernatural, avoiding, joining, reflect, please, expose, entanglement, sinful, produces, behavior, calling, death, compels, produces, character, participation, children.

***The Closing Hymn** “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” Trinty Hymnal #600

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

Benediction

***Postlude**

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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

Nursery	Infants (0-2)	Toddlers (2-4)	Worship Training (5-7)
Today	Renee Nix and Beth Jackson	Drew and Morgan Brown	Amanda Brummett and Danielle Austin
Next week	Beth Stowe and Kathy Donnelly	Cullie Mounts and Lindsey Hall	Ilse Wallace and Grace Benes

Worship Training is available for children ages 5-7. The children will leave after the Children's Sermon to attend class in the Education Building; parents are to pick them up after the conclusion of the worship service.

Happy birthday today to Laverne Beard and Morgan Brown! Happy birthday this week to Andrew Long and Tommy McCall Jr. on 1/13; Geri Ulatowski and Jim Black on 1/15; Adam Riddle and Nathan McKinnon on 1/16, and Sheridan Miller on 1/18.

Welcome visitors! Please fill out a welcome card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

After 6 years, our congregation is doing a new pictorial directory. We want everyone to get a new picture made so that our new directory will be complete. IT WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU! Photo dates are FEB 14-15, 2025. You will have a professional photography session, see your proofs, and have the opportunity to purchase extra portraits for family and friends. You may sign up for an appointment following today's worship service or use the link provided in the email sent to Bethel members.

This Week at Bethel

Today: Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Circle No. 2, 3:30 pm, Education Building

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group, 4:00 pm, basement

KidsQuest, 5:00 pm

Youth, 5:00 pm

Monday: Circle No. 3, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday: GriefShare, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday: GriefShare, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday: Mentors & Moms, 9:30-11:15 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: Sunday, January 19, 4:00 pm, basement

KidsQuest: Sunday, January 19, 5:00 pm

Youth: Sunday, January 19, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, January 21, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, January 22, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, January 23, 9:30-11:15 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, January 29, 12:00 pm, FLC

Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) Annual Pancake Supper: Saturday, March 8, 7:00 pm. Bethel PCA has always been one of the primary supporting churches for this program. If you would like to volunteer to help with the pancake supper, please contact Joe Le Moynes by phone at 704-201-7082 or email at jlemoyne@carolina.rr.com.

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Prayer Requests: Recovery, healing, and strength: Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Mary Love, Debbie Meek, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace Spiritual revival: the Holy Spirit would give us a passion to see people saved and eyes to see the opportunities He's giving us each day for sharing the gospel. God's discernment and understanding: as we seek His will moving forward as a congregation about how to reach Clover and York County with the good news of Jesus Christ.