



# 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, February 9, 2025

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

*We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

***Psalm 118:26***

## **Preparation**

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on James 4:7**

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

## **Adoration**

**\*The Call to Worship** (Read Responsively)

Psalm 135:1-3, 5-6 ESV

*Pastor: Praise the LORD!*

**People: Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand  
in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!**

*Pastor: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!*

**People: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.**

**Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all  
deeps.**

***All: Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!***

**\*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 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 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

2 Raise a song; sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

4 For it is a statute for Israel, a rule of the God of Jacob.

5 He made it a decree in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a language I had not known:

6 "I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.

7 In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah

8 Hear, O my people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

9 There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.

10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I would soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last forever.

16 But he would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

## **The Call to Confession**

2 Timothy 2:21 ESV

*Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So, Bethel Church, let us draw near to the Lord with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.*

## **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

*Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against You by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.*

*You alone know how often we have grieved You by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.*

## **The Silent Confession of Sin**

## **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:35-37 ESV

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Brothers and sisters, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

## **\*The Song of Thanks**

“10,000 Reasons”

*Refrain:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Refrain)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come.

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(Refrain)*

## **\*The Confession 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 to 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.*

## Collection

### **\*The Offertory Scripture**

Malachi 3:10 ESV

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.*

### **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 5:15-21 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 1162)

### **The Sermon**

*The Joy of Submission*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

#### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of submission

- A. Every person who has ever lived is under someone else's \_\_\_\_\_, even the incarnate Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 8:42* Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

- B. Just as there are different \_\_\_\_\_ in the Trinity, God has given each of us different \_\_\_\_\_ in the church.

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7* Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

#### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ for submission

A. One \_\_\_\_\_ of being filled with the Holy Spirit as Christians is that we \_\_\_\_\_ to one another

*Colossians 3:14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

B. Real godly \_\_\_\_\_ only takes place when we have a proper \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ for submitting is grounded in our reverence for Christ and \_\_\_\_\_ for what He has done for us

*Luke 10:20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our submission

A. Our mutual submission gives \_\_\_\_\_ that we are being filled with the Spirit continually and that we are growing more \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith.

B. There is great \_\_\_\_\_ for us as Christians when we obey God's \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** mature, roles, consequence, reverence, great, authority, result, reality, defer, thankfulness, obey, submission, assignments, God, fear, reason, filled



Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:  
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### 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	Rebecca Wallace and Kim Britt	Nathalee Cuffman and Mandy Wynkoop	Jenni Quinn and Kathy Donnelly
Next week	Meredith & Brenna Clinton and Jenifer Riddle	Abby Chidester and Cheri Jackson	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick

*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 Wes Jackson! Happy birthday this week to Cole Gibson and Helen Bean on 2/10 and Jason Payne, Kaelin Clinton, and Trinna Meek on 2/14.*

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. If you already have an appointment (no more slots are currently available), you can view and choose your pictures at that time. Completed photos will be mailed to your home after the directory has been reviewed and approved for printing. Full payment is required at the time of your appointment. Either a personal check or debit/credit card will be accepted. There is no additional charge for using your card. For those without appointments, your picture can still be in the directory. You just need to submit a recent digital photo. Because these photos are handled separately, the cost of this option is \$20.00 and includes a copy of the updated directory. As soon as we get the vendor's instructions on submitting photos, we will provide you with those details.

In February, we're accepting nominations for the office of ruling elder and deacon. Nominating forms can be found on the table in the vestibule, in the church office, or online. Please complete them and return them to Pastor Chris or the church office by the end of the month.

#### **This Week at Bethel**

**Today:** Joint Officers Meeting, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary Circle #2, 3:30 pm, Education Building, second room on right  
Youth, 5:00 pm

**Monday:** Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

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

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

Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Education Building, second room on right

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

#### **Next Week at Bethel**

**KidsQuest:** Sunday, February 16, 5:00 pm

**Youth:** Sunday, February 16, 5:00 pm

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, February 18, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**GriefShare:** Wednesday, February 19, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Wedding Shower:** The Women in the Church are hosting a drop-in wedding shower for Julia Van Vlakte and her fiancé, Jacob Kidd, on Sunday, February 23. The shower will be held in the Ladies Parlor from 2:00-3:30 pm. They are registered at Amazon, Target, Crate and Barrel, and Williams Sonoma.

**BSRT Annual Pancake Supper:** Saturday, March 8, 3:00-8:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer to help with the pancake supper, please contact Joe Le Moyne by phone at 704-201-7082 or email at jlemoyne@carolina.rr.com.

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**Prayer Requests:** Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Mary Love, Debbie Meek, Libby Reese, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace. We would be temperate people: God would make us more like Christ and always obedient to Him; we would be able to enjoy the Lord's gifts without becoming enslaved to them; God would help us never relax our guard but always be vigilant. Women's Ministry: the Lord would use the WIC program, Mentors and Moms, community groups, discipleship groups, and the circle ministry to build strong, loving relationships between the women of this congregation; that the women of Bethel would feel the loving embrace of Almighty God and find places of service in our congregation and community.