



Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Our Vision

Joyfully obeying the Great Commandments
by obediently living the Great Commission.

Welcome to Bethel!

*Spouses can be wonderful helpers, but they are sorry saviors.
Jesus alone can satisfy something as large as the human soul.*

Garrett Kell

***The LORD'S Day
Sunday, February 16, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96:9

Preparation

The Prelude

The Bethel Children's Choir

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 1 Peter 3:8

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

Adoration

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

Psalm 146 ESV

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

People: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Pastor: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

People: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.

***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.

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up-- for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground-- 7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. 8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

The Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9 ESV

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father most high, most glorious, we come to You as sinners, full of sorrows, defiance, and discouragement. We confess our sins, and leave every concern, every transgression calling for Christ's precious blood, entirely to You. Revive deep love and commitment in our hearts; let us live near the great Shepherd, hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Keep us from deception by causing me to abide in the truth, from harm by helping us to walk in the power of the Spirit. Give us more intense faith in the eternal truths, burning into us by experience the things we know; let us never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that we may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, and know in it the power of the Spirit.

Lord, help us, for we are often lukewarm and unbelief mars our confidence. Sin makes us forget You. Let the weeds that grow in our souls be removed at their roots. Grant us to know that we truly live only when we live unto You, that all else is insignificant. Your presence alone can make us holy, devout, strong and happy. Abide within us as Your body, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and King. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 ESV

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Saints of God, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“Come Ye Sinners”

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requires, is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

***The Confession of Faith**

The Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 13:1-2; Concerning Sanctification

We believe that those who are effectually called and regenerated have a new heart and a new spirit created in them. They are additionally sanctified, actually and personally, by the power of Christ's death and resurrection and by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The power of sin ruling over the whole body is destroyed, and the desires of the old self are more and more weakened and killed. At the same time the ability to practice true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord, is brought to life and strengthened by all the saving graces.

This sanctification is throughout the whole person, yet imperfect in this life, because some remnants of corruption still remain in every part of the person, from which a continual and irreconcilable war arises, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Romans 12:1 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 5:15-24 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1162)

The Sermon

*God's Plan for Marriage:
The Wife's Role*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. The _____ of Submission (v. 22a)

A. Submitting means that we _____ that God has established a structure in our _____.

B. A husband is to _____ his wife as an equal for whom the Lord has given him care and responsibility for provision and protection, to be _____ in love.

II. The _____ for Submission (v. 22b)

A. Everything we do in _____ to the Lord should be done for His glory and out of a _____ of joyful thanksgiving.

B. We are not _____ to disobey God's commands when our spouses are not _____ their God-given role.

III. The _____ behind Submission (v. 23)

A. In order to _____ the nature of the husband's headship in God's kingdom, we need to look to the _____ of Jesus.

B. Christ's headship _____ concern rather than control, _____ rather than rule.

IV. The _____ of Submission (v. 24)

A. The natural _____ of our hearts is to try and determine when God's _____ don't apply to us.

B. Wives are to _____ to their husbands out of reverence for what _____ has done for them.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: obedience, representative, households, rationale, treat, temptation, sense, comprehend, responsibility, instructions, exercised, behavior, allowed, submit, recognize, expresses, reason, Christ, fulfilling, accountability.

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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.*

| | <i>Infants (0-2)</i> | <i>Toddlers (2-4)</i> | <i>Worship Training (5-7)</i> |
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| <i>Today</i> | Meredith & Breanna Clinton and Jenifer Riddle | Abby Chidester and Cheri Jackson | Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick |
| <i>Next Week</i> | Ann Carol Love and Kyla Ferguson | Peggy & David Long | Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace |

Worship Training is available for ages 5-7. Children will leave after the children's sermon to attend class in the Education Building. Parents are to pick them up after the worship service concludes.

Happy birthday today to Lindsay LeMoyne and Tom Chidester! Happy birthday this week to Kim Drechsler and Scott Price on 2/17; Garrett Hall on 2/18; Griffin Marsh on 2/19; and Charlotte Jackson and Spencer Forrest on 2/21.

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

Saints, if you're planning to submit a digital photo for the new Pictorial Directory, you'll receive an email or telephone call with instructions for submitting the picture. You will also receive directions at that time about who and how to pay so that your photo will be included in the new directory. To meet our vendor's deadline, the last date for submittal of your digital picture is Tuesday, February 25th. If you haven't already received a telephone call or email, please contact Marianne Falls (980-329-1052) or Pat Miller (803-417-5751).

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.

Barbara Love would like to thank everyone for the cards, meals, and prayers following her recent surgery.

This Week at Bethel

Today: KidsQuest, 5:00pm

Youth, 5:00 pm

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

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

Next Week at Bethel

KidsQuest: Sunday, February 23, 5:00 pm

Youth: Sunday, February 23, 5:00 pm

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

GriefShare: Tuesday, February 25, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, February 26, 12:00 pm, FLC

GriefShare: Wednesday, February 26, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday February 27, 9:30-11:15 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

VBS: Are you interested in helping with VBS? If so, please plan to attend the interest meeting on March 16, immediately following service, in the Covenant Classroom.

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.

Trap Shooting and Supper: All Bethel men are invited to this event on Saturday, March 29, 3:00 pm, Flying King Ranch, located at 1546 Chester Hwy, York. Guest speaker will be Michael Lee. Bring a friend, a camp chair, a gun, and ammo or \$5.00 to cover the cost of shells. Please RSVP to Chris Wynkoop: 803-630-7556 or koop08008@yahoo.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, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Debbie Meek, Libby Reese, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace. We would be peacemakers: not contentious or eager for a fight and quick to make peace with others, to apologize to those we've offended, and to overlook offenses committed against us. Men's Ministry: God would use these efforts to build relationships between the men of the congregation; that the men of Bethel would feel loved by their Savior and find places of service in our congregation and community.