



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!

We shall need to watch against temptation so long as we are in this wilderness of sin. Only in heaven are we out of gunshot of the devil.

Charles Spurgeon

*The LORD'S Day
Sunday, February 23, 2025*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

Psalm 86:12

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on John 3:35-36

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Adoration

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

Psalm 108:1-5 ESV

Pastor: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!

People: Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn! I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples. I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Pastor: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***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.

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

14 As many were astonished at you-- his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind— 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-- every one-- to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Therefore, Bethel saints, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal Father, You are good beyond all thought, but we are sinful, wretched, miserable, blind; our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our ways reluctant to change.

We have seen the purity and beauty of Your perfect law, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls, and yet we daily violate and hate its instructions.

Unmask to us sin's deformity, that we may detest it. Give us grace to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched ones, and that to depart from You is to lose all good.

Work in us more profound and abiding repentance; give us the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; and grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Saints, receive the hope of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“O Church, Arise”

O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war—to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died—an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues 'til the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

***The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 14:1, 2 - Concerning Saving Faith*

We believe the gift of faith makes it possible for the souls of the elect to be saved by believing in Jesus Christ. This gift is the work of the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of the elect and is ordinarily accomplished by the ministry of the word. It is also increased and strengthened by the word, by prayer, and by the administration of the sacraments.

By this faith a Christian believes whatever is revealed in the word to be the true, authentic, authoritative statement of God Himself. By this faith the believer also acts according to what particular passages in the word say. By faith the believer humbly submits to and obeys God's various commands. He trembles at God's awesome threats and eagerly embraces His promises about this life and the life to come. But the chief actions of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, in the power of the covenant of grace.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Isaiah 55:1 ESV

*"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."*

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**

Hebrews 12:1-3 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1196)

Notes:

Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

Refrain:

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.*

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,
know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. *[Refrain]*

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed. *[Refrain]*

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. *[Refrain]*

***The 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>
Today	Ann Carol Love and Kyla Ferguson	Peggy & David Long	Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace
Next Week	Sheridan & Carter Miller	Shirley Brackett and Jenni Quinn	Amanda Brummett and Danielle Austin

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 Cane Hoffman and Santiago Benes! Happy birthday this week to Helen Grant on 2/24, David McFalls on 2/26, Henry Quinn on 2/27, Kathryn Gardner on 2/28, and Ross Love on 3/1.

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 directory, the deadline is Tuesday, February 25th. If you haven't already received a telephone call or email with instructions, please contact Marianne Falls (980-329-1052) or Pat Miller (803-417-5751).

We're accepting nominations for the office of ruling elder and deacon through Friday, February 28th. 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: Bridal Shower, drop-in 2:00-3:30 pm, Ladies Parlor
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
Senior Citizens Lunch, 12:00 pm, FLC, soup and trimmings will be furnished

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

Next Week at Bethel

KidsQuest: Sunday, March 2, 5:00 pm

Youth: Sunday, March 2, 5:00 pm

Circle #1: Tuesday, March 4, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare: Tuesday, March 4, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 pm

GriefShare: Wednesday, March 5, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, March 6, 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.

Men of the Covenant: Monday, March 10, 6:30 pm, FLC. All Bethel men are invited for a meal, devotional, program, and fellowship. The guest speaker will be Patrick Hamilton, director of York County's Pennies for Progress program.

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 people who live a holy life: the Scriptures would be our standard for living; we would have an obvious desire to be like Jesus Christ; we would constantly and obviously battle against sin and seek to please God. Ministries of God's Word, of the sacraments, and of prayer: the Scriptures would be taught clearly in both pulpit and lectern; the Lord would use us to impact the lives of His people and in this community.