



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Vision

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

## Welcome to Bethel!

*The basis of my marriage is this: God has called me with  
an irrevocable, inexcusable calling to lay down my life  
for one specific woman all the days of her life. And to serve her  
unconditionally, whether she deserves it or not.*

***Paul Washer***

***The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, March 2, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to you among the nations.*

***Psalm 57:9***

**Preparation**

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 1 John 3:7**

*Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.*

**Adoration**

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

Revelation 5:6-10, 13 ESV

*Pastor: And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

**People: And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.**

*Pastor: And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,*

**People: Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God and they shall reign on the earth.**

*Pastor: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,*

**People: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*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 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- 2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
- 3 to grant to those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
- 4 They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
- 5 Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
- 6 but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.
- 7 Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.
- 8 For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9 Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.
- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

## **The Call to Confession**

Romans 12:1-2 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. 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. Knowing this, Bethel Church, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

## **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

*Our Father in Heaven, purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Amen.*

## **The Silent Confession of Sin**

## **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 ESV

*For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. Christian, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**\*The Song of Thanks** “Sovereign Grace O’er Sin Abounding”

Sovereign grace o’er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
‘Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories, Let my soul for ever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him for ever; Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel’s hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder, Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

**\*The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Larger Catechism  
Q & A 134, 135*

*Q. 134. What is the sixth commandment?*

**A. The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.**

*Q. 135. What does the sixth commandment require?*

**A. The sixth commandment requires us to do our best to make every lawful effort to preserve our own life and the lives of others. We do this by not thinking about or planning, by controlling our emotions, and by avoiding all opportunities, temptations, or actions that would promote or lead to the unjust taking of someone’s life. In the pursuit of that goal, we must defend others from violence, patiently endure the afflictions from God’s hand, have a quiet mind and a cheerful spirit, practice temperance in the way we eat, drink, take medications, sleep, work, and play. We should also harbor charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, and kindness. Our speech and behavior should be peaceful, mild, and courteous. We should be tolerant of others, be ready to be reconciled, patiently put up with and forgive injuries against us, and return good for evil. Finally, we should provide aid and comfort to those in distress as well as protect and defend the innocent.**

## Collection

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

Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

*Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

### **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 5:25-33 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 1162)

### **The Sermon**

*God's Plan for Marriage:  
The Husband's Responsibility*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a husband's love (v. 25a)
  - A. Paul's exhortation is \_\_\_\_\_, not being included in the Old Testament, rabbinic writing, or in the household \_\_\_\_\_ of the Greco-Roman era.
  - B. The husband's \_\_\_\_\_ submission to his spouse in \_\_\_\_\_ his love for her.
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a husband's love (vs. 25b-31)
  - A. This love is \_\_\_\_\_.

John Chrysostom – “Even if you must offer your own life for her, you must not refuse. Even if you must endure countless struggles on her behalf and have all kinds of things to endure and suffer, you must not refuse. Even if you suffer all this, you have still done not as much as Christ has for the church.”

B. This love is \_\_\_\_\_.

C. This love is \_\_\_\_\_.

D. This love is \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ for a husband’s love (vs. 32-33)

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ between a husband and wife is a living image of the \_\_\_\_\_ linking Jesus and His people

B. This is a call for two people to set aside their own \_\_\_\_\_ in the interest of living before the face of God in a way that demonstrates to their neighbors why the Christ-church bond is the most \_\_\_\_\_ relationship in all creation.

**Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** motive, manner, relationship, unique, connection, sacrificial, preferences, primary, beautiful, sanctifying, duty, sensitive, codes, through, strong.



**\*The Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

*Trinity Hymnal #586*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

**\*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.*

	<b>Infants (0-2)</b>	<b>Toddlers (2-4)</b>	<b>Worship Training (5-7)</b>
<b>Today</b>	Sheridan & Carter Miller	Shirley Brackett and Jenni Quinn	Amanda Brummett and Danielle Austin
<b>Next Week</b>	Marissa Robinson and Nathalee Cuffman	Staci & Brett Brackett	Ilse Wallace and Grace Benes

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 this week to Susanna Taylor on 3/3, Nate Woolard on 3/5, Adam Stowe on 3/6, and Martha Robinson on 3/8.*

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

We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Calvin Reese and family with the passing of Libby. Please know that we are praying for you during this difficult time.

The deacons fund will be received this morning following the worship service.

Interested in learning more about Bethel Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? We're planning a new member's class beginning Sunday, March 23. The meetings will occur during the Sunday school hour in the Family Life Center. If you plan to attend, please get in touch with Pastor Chris at [chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com](mailto:chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com), 443.841.2985, or the church office.

Do you have a child interested in becoming a communicant member at Bethel? An 8-week communicants class is currently being planned for our young people, so if interested, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Chris via email ([chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com](mailto:chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com)) with the child's name, age, preferred time, and day of the week for the class (please include a few different options here). I'll collate the information and let the families know the details when it's finalized.

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

##### **Today:**

Called Session Meeting, 2:00 pm  
Youth Committee Meeting: 4:00 pm  
KidsQuest, 5:00pm  
Youth, 5:00 pm

##### **Tuesday:**

Circle #1, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor  
GriefShare, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom  
Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 pm

##### **Wednesday:**

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

##### **Thursday:**

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

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

**Session Meeting:** Sunday, March 9, 2:00 pm

**Circle #2:** Sunday, March 9, 3:30 pm, Education Building, second classroom on right

**Middle School Girls Discipleship Group:** Sunday, March 9, 4:00pm

**KidsQuest:** Sunday, March 9, 5:00 pm

**Youth:** Sunday, March 9, 5:00 pm

**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.

**Circle #3:** Monday, March 10, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, March 11, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Colleen Riddle Circle:** Wednesday, March 12, 11:00 am, Education Building, second classroom on right

**GriefShare:** Wednesday, March 12, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Mentors & Moms:** Thursday, March 13, 9:30-11:15 am, Education Building

**Good Samaritans Dinner:** Thursday, March 13, 5:00 pm, FLC

#### **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.

**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](mailto: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, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace. Pray that we would be hospitable people: we would be warm, friendly, and welcoming, opening our homes to friends and strangers alike; God would fill us with His Spirit so that our lives bear fruit through good deeds that benefit others. Visitors: the Lord would give us eyes to see those singles, couples, and families we can invite to our congregation; we would be a loving body where the grace of God is freely shared.