



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!

*The law never came to save men. It never was its intention at all.
It came on purpose to make the evidence complete that salvation
by works is impossible, and thus to drive the elect of God
to rely wholly on the finished salvation of the gospel.*

Charles Spurgeon

***The LORD'S Day
Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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 Bethel Children's Choir

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Adoration

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

Isaiah 12:1-6 ESV

Pastor: You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

People: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation."

Pastor: And you will say in that day: 'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

People: Sing praises to the Lord for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present:
to thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

***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 In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! 2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! 3 For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; 4 you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. 6 I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. 7 I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul, 8 and you have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

9 Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. 10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away. 11 Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. 12 I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

14 But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." 15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! 16 Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love! 17 O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol. 18 Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

19 Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind! 20 In the cover of your presence you hide them from the plots of men; you store them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

21 Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city. 22 I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your sight." But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to you for help. 23 Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride. 24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

The Call to Confession

Numbers 23:19-20 ESV

God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. Therefore, disciples of Jesus, let us confess our sins to God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, You are our good shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we still are tempted to trust our own works. You are with us, but we still fear and do not believe Your promises of protection.

Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy so that we may truly believe that You will be with us until the end of our days. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:18-19 ESV

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“All Glory Be To Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life.
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

Refrain:

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love,
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price,
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! [*Refrain*]

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light,
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ! [*Refrain*]

***The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Larger Catechism
Q & A 38, 39, 40*

Q. 38. Why did the mediator have to be God?

A. The mediator had to be God so that he might sustain and keep his human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God and the power of death; that he might make his suffering, obedience, and intercession of real value and effect; and that, in order to satisfy God's justice, he might gain God's favor, purchase his very own people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

Q. 39. Why did the mediator have to be human?

A. The mediator had to be human so that he might improve human nature, obey the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our own nature, and know first-hand what human infirmities feel like; and so that we might be adopted as sons and have comfort and access with boldness to the throne of grace.

Q. 40. Why did the mediator have to be God and human in one person?

A. The mediator, who was to reconcile God and humanity, had to be himself both God and human and in one person to make the works appropriate to each nature acceptable to God on our behalf and counted on by us as the works of the whole person.

Collection

The Offertory Scripture

Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 ESV

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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**

Matthew 21:1-11 ESV
(pew Bible p. 981)

The Sermon

The First Palm Sunday

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The King makes His _____ pilgrimage (v. 1)
 - A. For several _____ now, Christ has been on the road.
 - B. Rising 2,660 feet _____ sea level, the Mount of Olives lies to the east of Jerusalem, directly overlooking the _____ area.
- II. The King _____ a peculiar instruction (v. 2-3)
 - A. When the _____ went into the village, they found the circumstances _____ as the Lord had described.
 - B. The reason Jesus needs the _____ is to reveal who He is and what His _____ is all about.
- III. The King _____ prophecy (v. 4-7)
 - A. The _____ of the prophet Zechariah are quoted over _____ times in the New Testament.
 - B. The word _____ captures the essence of the entire miserable, suffering condition _____ in Isaiah 53.
 - C. By riding a _____, Jesus not only fulfills prophecy, but He replicated a _____ event from the Old Testament.
- IV. The King _____ His prerogative (v. 8-11)
 - A. By _____ their cloaks on the road where He would pass, the people indicated their deference to Jesus as their _____.

B. By _____ that Christ came '*in the name of the Lord*' the people are asserting that He carried the authority of ____ Himself.

C. Jesus' _____ into Jerusalem received the attention of the whole _____.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: entrance, donkey, fulfills, city, gives, significant, final, words, declares, disciples, weeks, laying, eighty, exactly, Messiah, above, humble, confessing, colt, temple, God, depicted, mission.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity...

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.*

	Infants (0-2)	Toddlers (2-4)	Worship Training (5-7)
Today	Renee Nix and Lawson Gray	Jackie & Albert Krashner	Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace
Next Week	Beth Stowe and Danielle Austin	Peggy & David Long	Amanda & Miller Brummett

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 Addison Ferguson! Happy birthday this week to Linda Boyd on 4/14; Betty Jo McCarther on 4/15; Chris Wallace on 4/16; Jenifer Riddle on 4/17; Parker Dooley and Pat McCormick on 4/18.

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

Calla lilies can be ordered by using the insert found in the worship guide. Please note that the deadline to order is today. They will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20, and can be picked up after morning worship. Please give your order to Helen or Cary Grant.

This Week at Bethel

Today:

Joint Officers Meeting, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

Circle #2, 3:15 pm, Education Building, second room on right

Easter Celebration, 4:30 pm, Join us for an egg hunt, Easter story, fun activities, food, and fellowship! Invite friends and family. Whoever invites a friend will be entered into a drawing to win a fun prize.

Monday:

Circle # 3, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday:

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

Next Week at Bethel

Community Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 20. We are joining with local churches to invite the community to gather at 7:00 a.m. at the grassy point beside the boat launch next to Papa Doc's (formerly T-Bones). Please bring a lawn chair

VBS Craft Day: Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Covenant Classroom. We would love your help with making decorations and prepping crafts for VBS. For more information, see Abby Chidester.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, April 30, 12:00 pm, FLC

VBS Craft Day: Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am-12:00pm, Covenant Classroom. Join us for a fun time making decorations and prepping crafts for VBS!

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Ross Love, Debbie Meek, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace.
- Pray that we would be self-controlled people: our pride would be tempered by a sobering awareness of our remaining sin and personal frailty; we would demonstrate thoughtful restraint and modesty in all areas of our lives.
- Women's Ministry: God would use this ministry to strengthen relationships between the women of the congregation; the women of Bethel would feel loved by their Savior and find places to use their spiritual gifts to serve the congregation and community.
- Pastor Corey Lanier, the session, and congregation at **Salem Presbyterian Church**, 1907 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (706) 881-0192.