



# 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!

*To preach Christianity meant (to the Apostles) primarily  
to preach the Resurrection. ...The Resurrection is the central theme  
in every Christian sermon reported in the Acts.  
The Resurrection, and its consequences, were the 'gospel'  
or good news which the Christians brought.*

**C.S. Lewis**

***The LORD'S Day  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*He is not here; he has risen!*

***Luke 24:6***

**Preparation**

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Ephesians 2:4-6**

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ -- by grace you have been saved -- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

**Adoration**

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

Luke 24:1-6 ESV

*Pastor: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*

**People: He is risen!**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen indeed!**

*Pastor: Christ the Lord is risen!*

**People: Christ the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!  
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!  
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!  
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!  
death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!  
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!  
made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

**\*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 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

8 To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

9 "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## **The Call to Confession**

Ezekiel 18:23 ESV

*Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live? Therefore, trusting in His mercy, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

## **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

**Holy God, in the light of your holiness, we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed.**

**We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.**

**Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Silent Confession of Sin**

## **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

*While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. God has shown his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Saints of God, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

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

### **"In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds.  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Collection

### **The Offertory Scripture**

Galatians 6:9-10 ESV

*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.  
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of  
the household of faith.*

### **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**

Acts 2:14-28 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 1081)

### **The Sermon**

*The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (v. 22)
  - A. The signs \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ were indications of the Spirit of God working in and \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
  - B. The mighty works He performed \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's authority, power, and uniqueness.
- II. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus (v. 23)
  - A. In the covenant of \_\_\_\_\_, God established a plan to redeem a people for \_\_\_\_\_.



B. Even though it was \_\_\_\_\_ men who put Christ to death, it took place because of the sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ of Almighty God.

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ teach us that God orders the means as well as the ends of human history without violating our \_\_\_\_\_ or responsibility.

III. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus (v 24)

A. As the \_\_\_\_\_ had been paid, it was impossible for death to keep its \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus.

B. Not only did we \_\_\_\_\_ the sin of our first father, we also inherited his fallen nature, and because of this, we've all sinned every single day of our \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Because of the Son's \_\_\_\_\_, God's divine justice has been fully met for His \_\_\_\_\_ people.

IV. The results of redemption \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's people

A. Jesus' resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ our present forgiveness as \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Jesus' resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ the future transformation of our \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Jesus' resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ all who call on His name that they will enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Answer Key:** ensures, Scriptures, bodies, arrangement, assures, freedom, authentication, accomplished, eternal, hold, redemption, curse, accomplished, inherit, Himself, lives, through, offering, lawless, chosen, proved, applied, plan, secures, redemption, Christians

**\*The Closing Hymn**

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

*Trinity Hymnal #286*

Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
“Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares.”  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow’r;  
All hell’s minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.  
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

**\*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>
<b>Today</b>	Beth Stowe and Danielle Austin	Peggy & David Long	Amanda & Miller Brummett
<b>Next Week</b>	Douglas McCarter and Laura Clinton	Drew & Morgan Brown	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 today to Ann Carol Love and Susan Long! Happy birthday this week to Sara Ann McMullan on 4/21 and Glenn Jackson on 4/24.*

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 sincerest condolences to Jay Forrest and his family with the passing of Jay's mom. Please know that we are praying for your entire family.

For those interested, copies of the first quarter financial reports are available for you in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact your shepherding elder or the church treasurer, DN Ken Long.

Calla lilies were put in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory or honor of various individuals. Please see the insert.

Congratulations to Josh and Aubree Britt Chambers on the birth of their daughter, Selah.

Our Communicant's Class begins Sunday, May 4, at 10:00 am. We'll be meeting upstairs in the FLC in the office next to Pastor Chris. If you haven't already, please let Pastor Chris know if you plan on attending.

### **This Week at Bethel**

#### **Saturday:**

VBS Craft Day, 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.

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**Youth:** Sunday, April 27, 5:00 pm

**Senior Citizens Lunch:** Wednesday, April 30, 12:00 pm, FLC. We will have a covered dish meal with a special singing.

### **Upcoming Events at Bethel**

**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
- 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 help the men of the congregation grow in grace; the men of Bethel would feel loved by their Savior and find places of service in our congregation and community.
- Pastor Henry Beaulieu, the session, and congregation at **Redeeming Grace Presbyterian Church**, 4800 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie, SC 29710, (803) 831-7133.