



# 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!

*Contrary to our fears,  
human stupidity is not running loose  
but is on the leash of God's sovereignty.*

***Dale Ralph Davis***

***The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, April 27, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.*

***Job 37:14***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 2 Timothy 2:19**

*But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."*

Adoration

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

Psalm 95:1-7 ESV

*Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

*Leader: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

**People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

*All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

**\*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 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Hosea 6:6 ESV

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. Hearing this, saints, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

### **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ, you did not despise the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.**

**Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

### **The Silent Confession of Sin**

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalms 130:3-4 ESV

*If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. Children of God receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

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

### **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*Refrain:*

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. [Refrain]

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! [Refrain]

## **\*The Confession of Faith**

### ***The Ligonier Statement on Christology***

*We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.*

*Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried; He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.*

*For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.*

*Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.*

## Collection

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

Revelation 5:11-12 ESV

*Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

### **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 Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 71:1-24 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 572)

I. Verses 1-6 Preparation:

II. Verses 7-11 Problems:

III. Verses 12-16 Prayer:

IV. Verses 17-21 Perseverance:

V. Verses 22-24 Praise:



**\*The Closing Hymn**

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*Trinity Hymnal #599*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

**\*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>	Douglas McCarter and Laura Clinton	Harper Harvell and Lindsay Hoffman	Ilse Wallace and Grace Benes
<b>Next Week</b>	Jennifer Forrest and Mandy Wynkoop	Cullie Mounts and Ann Falls	Peggy & David Long

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 Brandon Wallace on 4/29; Laura Clinton, Marshall Hoffman, and Miller Brummett on 4/30; Lindsey Hall on 5/1; and Lucia Benes on 5/3.*

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 warmly welcome Rev. Wallace Tinsley and his wife, Ruth, to Bethel today.

Our Communicant's Class begins next 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**

#### **Today:**

Youth, 5:00 pm

#### **Wednesday:**

Senior Citizens Lunch, 12:00 pm, FLC. We will have a covered dish meal with special entertainment. Everyone is welcome!

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**Circle #2:** Sunday May, 4, 3:30 pm, Education Building

**Youth:** Sunday, May 4, 5:00 pm

**Men of the Covenant:** Monday, May 5, 6:30 pm. We will have a cookout at the picnic shelter behind the FLC, followed by a devotional. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will move inside the FLC. All men are invited to attend.

**Circle #1:** Tuesday, May 6, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

**Diaconate Meeting:** Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 pm

### **Upcoming Events at Bethel**

**GriefShare:** Monday, May 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom, "Loss of Spouse" stand-alone session. Contact Ann Woodruff for more information.

**VBS Craft Day:** Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am-12:00pm, Covenant Classroom. Join us for a fun time making decorations and prepping crafts for VBS!

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### **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 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.
- Pastor Michael Lee and core group at **Indian Land Presbyterian Church - Mission**, 6549 Gopher Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 370-9953.