



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 think of holiness as giving up the pleasures of sin
for some worthy but drab life. But holiness means
recognizing that the pleasures of sin are empty and temporary,
while God is inviting us to magnificent,
true, full, and rich pleasures that last forever.*

Tim Chester

***The LORD'S Day
Sunday, May 18, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96:9

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 1 Timothy 2:1-2

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

Adoration

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

Psalm 5:3-8, 11-12 ESV

Pastor: O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

People: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Pastor: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

People: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

All: For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

***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.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him 10 and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 11 All Israel has transgressed your law and turned aside, refusing to obey your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against him. 12 He has confirmed his words, which he spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us a great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has kept ready the calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that he has done, and we have not obeyed his voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

16 "O Lord, according to all your righteous acts, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your city Jerusalem, your holy hill, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people have become a byword among all who are around us. 17 Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his pleas for mercy, and for your own sake, O Lord, make your face to shine upon your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name."

Confession

The Call to Confession

1 Peter 2:4-5 ESV

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Personal Transgressions

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. You are God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

"All Must Be Well"

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well

***The Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Malachi 1:14 ESV

Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

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 6:10-20 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1163)

The Sermon

The Believer's Prayer

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. _____ to pray as God's children (v. 18a)

A. The Scriptures _____ us that we should be praying _____
all the time.

Luke 18:1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

B. The Spirit of God gives _____ to our supplications, speaking directly
to the Father on our _____.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

II. _____ to pray as God's children (v. 18b)

A. Our Triune God _____ us to come into His presence with all kinds of
prayers and _____.

B. The Lord's Prayer

- i. Petition 1: God would be treated with the highest _____.
- ii. Petition 2: The Lord's earthly _____ would grow.
- iii. Petition 3: All people would _____ and do God's will.
- iv. Petition 4: God would _____ for our daily needs.
- v. Petition 5: The Lord would restore our personal _____ when we
break it through sin.

vi. Petition 6: Our Heavenly Father would keep us from situations that _____ us to transgress His moral law.

C. Paul encourages us as _____ of the light to keep alert with all perseverance that we might not fall into _____ complacency.

Mark 13:33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

III. For _____ to pray as God's children (v. 18c-20)

A. Part of the joy we have in _____ as a congregation is the opportunity we have to _____ for one another at God's throne of grace.

B. We should also make it a _____ part of our prayer life to pray for _____ of the gospel.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: understand, how, provide, behalf, fellowship, invites, tempt, voice, children, ministers, petitions, spiritual, when, fellowship, honor, intercede, advise, regular, kingdom, incessantly, whom.

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

***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	Meredith & Breanna Clinton and Brittany Neely	Judi & Ross Love	Jenni Quinn and Kathy Donnelly
Next Week	Jenni Quinn and Shirley Brackett	Savannah McCall and Jenifer Riddle	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick

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 Deke Cox on 5/19; Shannon Griesman on 5/20; Nick Jackson on 5/21; Don McCarter, Harry Compton, and Peggy Long on 5/23; and Noah Neely on 5/24.

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

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Ethan Coble, Alyssa Harvey-Falls, John Richard Van Vlake, and Crishé Wallace!

This Week at Bethel

Today:

ILPC Session Meeting, 2:00 pm

BPC Session Meeting, 3:00 pm

Next Week at Bethel

New Officer Training Class: Sunday, May 25, 8:00 am

Youth: Sunday, May 25, 5:00 pm

BPC Office Closed: Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day

GriefShare: Tuesday, May 27, 6:30–8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, May 28, 1:00–3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, May 28, 12:00 pm, FLC, hotdog meal provided and special entertainment

Bethel Youth Group News

Tonight: Youth group senior send-off, Cobles' neighborhood pool, 748 Irish Green Drive, Clover, SC 29710, 6:00–8:00 pm

Lake Day: Saturday, May 31, Marshes' home 12:00–3:00 pm

Summer Kick-off: Sunday, June 1, Wallaces' home, 6:00–8:00 pm

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Homecoming: Sunday, June 1, covered dish meal immediately following service

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Shirley Coker, 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 people eager to see the good: we would be equitable in our decisions and counsel, fair in all our dealings, treat all people equally, and not overlook those who are unlike ourselves or easily missed.
- Spiritual revival: The Holy Spirit would bestow spiritual hunger in us and draw us to fervent intercession.
- Pastor Mike Honeycutt, the session, staff, and congregation at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 1320 India Hook Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732, (803) 366-3107.