



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 clear message from Genesis to Revelation
is either go to hell with your own righteousness,
or go to heaven with the righteousness of Christ
credited to your account by faith alone. Faith in Christ is saving;
faith in anything or anyone else is superstition.*

Michael Horton

***The LORD'S Day
Sunday, May 25, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear!'
"You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life.*

Lamentations 3:57-58

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introduction of New Members

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Adoration

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

Psalm 36:5-10 ESV

Pastor: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

Pastor: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

***The Song of Praise**

"Jesus, I Come"

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

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***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.

¹Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.

²Each will be like a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

³Then the eyes of those who see will not be closed, and the ears of those who hear will give attention.

⁴The heart of the hasty will understand and know, and the tongue of the stammerers will hasten to speak distinctly.

⁵The fool will no more be called noble, nor the scoundrel said to be honorable.

⁶For the fool speaks folly, and his heart is busy with iniquity, to practice ungodliness, to utter error concerning the LORD, to leave the craving of the hungry unsatisfied, and to deprive the thirsty of drink.

⁷As for the scoundrel—his devices are evil; he plans wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lying words, even when the plea of the needy is right.

⁸But he who is noble plans noble things, and on noble things he stands.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV

Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is able to sympathize with us in our weaknesses. In every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear our voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy! If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in His Word we hope; our souls wait for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalms 91:14-16 ESV

Those who love me, I will deliver, says the Lord; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided -

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*Refrain*]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*Refrain*]

Q. 70. What is justification?

A. Justification is the act of God's free grace to sinners, by which he pardons all their sins and accepts and looks on them as if they were righteous, not because of anything worked in them or done by them but because God imputes to them the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ that can only be appropriated by faith.

Q. 71. How is justification an act of God's free grace?

A. By his obedience and death Christ made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice on behalf of those who are justified. Yet, insofar as this satisfaction is accepted by God as a guarantee of performance, which he might have demanded from the justified, and since God himself provided a guarantor in the person of his only Son, in justification God imputes righteousness to the justified and requires nothing from them in return except faith, which they also have as a gift from him. Consequently, justification comes to the justified as an act of God's free grace.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV

You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

The Offertory Anthem

***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**

Romans 5:6-11 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1120)

The Exhortation

Those for Whom Christ Died

Intern, Isak Siemens

Notes:

***The Closing Hymn**

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

Trinity Hymnal #455

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. [*Refrain*]

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for all his chosen race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! [*Refrain*]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [*Refrain*]

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
[*Refrain*]

***The Blessing**

***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	Jenni Quinn and Shirley Brackett	Savannah McCall and Jenifer Riddle	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick
Next Week	Jessica McMullen and Nathalee Cuffman	Marissa Robinson and Sylvia Price	Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace

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 Calvin Reese and Jim Jackson! Happy birthday this week to Bobby Meek, Jake Gardner, and Todd Meek on 5/26; Duree Burnett and Rae Jackson on 5/27; Ainsley Miller and Bill Johnson on 5/28; Volney Jerome on 5/29; and Virginia Johnson on 5/30.

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

This Week at Bethel

Today:

New Officer Training Class, 8:00 am

Youth, 5:00 pm

Monday:

BPC Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday:

GriefShare, 6:30–8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

Senior Citizens Lunch, 12:00 pm, FLC, hotdog meal provided with special entertainment

Next Week at Bethel

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

Bethel Cemetery Association Meeting: Sunday, June 1, 2:15 pm, Sanctuary. All BCA members are asked to attend a brief meeting.

Circle # 1: Tuesday, June 3, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare: Tuesday, June 3, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 pm

GriefShare: Wednesday, June 4, 1:00-3:00 pm

Bethel Youth Group News

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

Pool Day: Sunday, June 8, 5:00-8:00 pm, Wynkoops' home

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, Eck Miller, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace.
- Pray that we would be people who are respected by others: we would be known and respected by outsiders for our godly conduct and consistency of life, have a good reputation with neighbors, relatives, and colleagues, and be submissive to God's appointed authority.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would give us the strength to honor Him through our bodies as they are the temple of the Lord, and wisdom to continuously build a healthy spiritual life and marriage with Him at the center.
- Pastor Craig Marshall, the session, and congregation at **Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church**, 7386 Lockhart Road, Sharon, SC 29742, (803) 280-4618.