



# 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!

*The Bible...wants to introduce dissonance  
into your thinking, to stretch your understanding.  
It wants to reveal a mosaic of the majesty of God  
one passage at a time, one day at a time, across a lifetime.*

*Jen Wilkin*

***The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, June 8, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

**Isaiah 26:3**

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Acts 1:8**

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Adoration

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

Lamentations 3:22-26, 40-41 ESV

*Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

**People: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

*Pastor: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*

**People: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**

*All: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

**\*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.*

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Psalm 26:2 ESV

*Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.*

### **The Responsive Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, in the beginning, You created the world as a place of order, a place easily tamed. But the sin of our first parents brought disorder and chaos to the world, and we continue in that sin to this day.**

**Where You have spoken clearly, we have questioned Your word. What has been evil, we have looked at with desire. When we have found wickedness, we have spread it to others and encouraged its use. We have been silent when we should have spoken, and when we speak, we speak with unclean lips.**

**In our rebellion, we have disguised the truth of our sin and hidden ourselves from your presence. We have failed to take responsibility for our want of righteousness, blaming others for all our faults.**

**And yet, O God, though we have failed to seek You, You have sought us. We could not atone for our sin, but You sent Your Son to bear our curse.**

**Therefore, look with kindness on Your servants, and grant joy of Your assurance, always and only through the blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 32:1-2 ESV

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**\*The Song of Thanks**

**“As the Deer”**

As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.

*Refrain:*

*You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything. (*Refrain*)

I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye. (*Refrain*)

Article 7: The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Scripture contains the will of God completely and that everything one must believe to be saved is sufficiently taught in it. For since the entire manner of service which God requires of us is described in it at great length, no one—even an apostle or an angel from heaven, as Paul says—ought to teach other than what the Holy Scriptures have already taught us. For since it is forbidden to add to or subtract from the Word of God, this plainly demonstrates that the teaching is perfect and complete in all respects.

Therefore, we must not consider human writings—no matter how holy their authors may have been—equal to the divine writings; nor may we put custom, nor the majority, nor age, nor the passage of time or persons, nor councils, decrees, or official decisions above the truth of God, for truth is above everything else. For all human beings are liars by nature and more vain than vanity itself.

Therefore, we reject with all our hearts everything that does not agree with this infallible rule, as we are taught to do by the apostles when they say, "Test the spirits to see if they are of God," and also, "If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house."

Collection

**The Offertory Scripture**

Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

**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

Jonah 1:1-3 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 920)

### The Sermon

*But Jonah*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. Jonah's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1)
  - A. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures with humility, seeking to learn and do everything the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. As a \_\_\_\_\_ to the northern kingdom of Israel, Jonah served as the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ during the reign of evil king Jeroboam II.
- II. Jonah's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)
  - A. God's command to Jonah was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. God's command to Jonah was \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. God's command to Jonah was \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. Jonah's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)
  - A. The prophet's original \_\_\_\_\_ was in the opposite direction of the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Jonah chose to \_\_\_\_\_ from a port where the people he met and the ships on which he \_\_\_\_\_ were not likely to be Jewish.
  - C. Knowing God's power and \_\_\_\_\_, Jonah refused to preach God's message of \_\_\_\_\_ to his enemies.



Sermon Notes:

**Answer Key:** destination, instruction, command, introduction, depart, direct, sailed, approach, grace, difficult, repentance, commands, righteous, prophet, insurrection, messenger.

**\*The Closing Hymn**      “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”      *Trinty Hymnal #600*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain:*

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [*Refrain*]

**\*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.*

	<b>Infants (0-2)</b>	<b>Toddlers (2-4)</b>	<b>Worship Training (5-7)</b>
<b>Today</b>	Lindsey Hall and Grace & Pavlina Benes	Abby Chidester and Ilse Wallace	Amanda Brummett and Danielle Austin
<b>Next Week</b>	Cathy Robinson and Jenifer Riddle	Sheridan & Carter Miller	Ilse Wallace and Cullie Mounts

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 Falls! Happy birthday this week to Boyd Brackett, Ilse Wallace, and Mandy Wynkoop on 6/9; Phyllis Richmond on 6/10; Christo Wallace on 6/11; and Steve Ferguson and Tim Marsh on 6/12.*

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:**

**Session Meeting**, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

**Circle # 2**, 3:30 pm, Education Building, second room on right

#### **Monday:**

**Circle #3**, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

#### **Tuesday:**

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

#### **Wednesday:**

**Bush-N-Vine Playdate**, 10:30 am

**Colleen Riddle Circle**, 11:00 am, FLC

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**GriefShare**: Tuesday, June 17, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**GriefShare**: Wednesday, June 18, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Good Samaritan's Dinner**: Thursday, June 19, 5:00 pm, FLC. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Miller at (803) 417-5751 or any committee member.

### **Upcoming Events at Bethel**

**VBS Decorating**: Sunday, June 22, immediately following worship service. For more information, see Abby Chidester's email.

**VBS**: Monday, June 23-Thursday, June 26, 8:45 am-12:00 pm

### **Bethel Youth Group News**

**Pool Day**: Today, 5:00-8:00 pm, Wynkoops' home

**No Youth**: Sunday, June 15

**Slip and Slide**: Sunday, June 22, 6:00-8:00 pm, church grounds and meal at the Manse

**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, Jackie Schropp, 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 these ministries 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 David Hall, the staff, session, and congregation at **Filbert Presbyterian Church**, 2066 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745-9777, (803) 684-6881.