



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Mission

Glorifying God by going to the ends of the earth  
to gather and grow His people.

## Welcome to Bethel!

*“The storms of winter often bring out the defects in a man’s house,  
and sickness often exposes the gracelessness of a man’s soul.  
Surely anything that makes us find out the real character of our faith is good.”*

*J.C. Ryle*

**The LORD’S Day**  
**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*<sup>1</sup>Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

***Psalm 115:1***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Psalm 119:15-16**

*<sup>15</sup>I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. <sup>16</sup>I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.*

Adoration

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

Psalm 118:20-29 ESV

*Pastor: <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.*

**People: <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

**<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

*Pastor: <sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**People: <sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

*Pastor: <sup>27</sup>The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!*

**People: <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

*All: <sup>29</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

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**

**\*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.*

<sup>8</sup>Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same?

<sup>9</sup>For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

<sup>10</sup>Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.

<sup>11</sup>If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

<sup>12</sup>If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?

Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

<sup>13</sup>Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?

<sup>14</sup>In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

<sup>15</sup>But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

<sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

<sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

<sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

<sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

<sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

<sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

James 4:4 ESV

*<sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

*Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

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

Psalm 86:1-5 ESV

**<sup>1</sup>Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. <sup>2</sup>Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

**<sup>3</sup>Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. <sup>4</sup>Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. <sup>5</sup>For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Amen.**

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

#### **\*The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 43:25 ESV

*<sup>25</sup>"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.*

*Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.  
If you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness He requires, is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

*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**

Psalm 24:1-2 ESV

*<sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,  
<sup>2</sup>for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

**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 Message**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**\*The Old Testament Reading**

Nehemiah 5:14-19 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 472)

**The Sermon**

*Walking the Walk*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. A godly leader \_\_\_\_\_ his Lord (v. 14-15)
  - A. Under Persian policy, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judea had the right to collect taxes from the people to support his own household \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Nehemiah was a man who lived before the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
- II. A godly leader \_\_\_\_\_ his duty (v. 16)
  - A. The governor labored \_\_\_\_\_ his fellow Jews as they rebuilt Jerusalem's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 10:45** *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

B. Unlike the nobles and \_\_\_\_\_, Nehemiah did not take advantage of the situation to \_\_\_\_\_ himself.

III. A godly leader \_\_\_\_\_ his people (v. 17-19)

A. The governor \_\_\_\_\_ what his citizens can afford, so Nehemiah shows \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

B. In his \_\_\_\_\_, Nehemiah is asking God to deal with him according to His covenant \_\_\_\_\_.

### Sermon Notes:

**Answer Key:** beside, governor, wall, enrich, figures out, officials, expenses, understands, fulfills, compassion, face, prayer, fears, God, faithfulness.

**\*The Closing Hymn**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Trinity Hymnal #570

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:  
*Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;  
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee:  
*Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r shall draw all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God his people shall indeed be free:  
*Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*

Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by witness true and virtuous life:  
*Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.*

**\*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>	Amanda Brummett and Kristine DeRousse	Kay Jackson and Stacie Brackett	Brittany Neely and Kyla Ferguson
<b>Next Week</b>	Rebecca Wallace and Kimberly Richards	Cathy Robinson and Shirley Brackett	Peggy and 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 today to Julia and Laci Gess!  
 Happy birthday this week to Lessie Wallace and Scottie Harvell on 6/23; Seth Neely on 6/24; Grayson Smith, Jay Forrest, and Rebecca Forrest on 6/25; and Maya Toney on 6/26.

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

2026 Couples' Conference at Redeeming Grace PCA. August 7 & 8, 2026. Cost is \$40 per couple. Registration closes on July 1, 2026.

Needed: Community and Discipleship Group Leaders. Summer is upon us, and fall is coming. Please prayerfully consider if God would have you lead a twice-monthly community group in your home or a weekly discipleship group. The time commitment is small, and the benefits are eternal. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Mark.

### **This Week at Bethel**

#### **Sunday**

**Youth:** No youth due to Father's Day.

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Saturday**

**Youth Lake Day:** 12:00 pm, Marshes' home

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**Youth Pool Party:** Sunday, June 28, 6:00 pm, Linders' home

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

### **Prayer requests:**

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- Spiritual revival: the Holy Spirit would bestow a growing spiritual hunger in His people and He would draw us into a season of fervent intercession for our lost neighbors and family members.
- 53rd PCA General Assembly, Louisville, KY, June 22-26. Please pray: for safe travel for all the delegates and their families; that God would give us wisdom and discernment as we make decisions affecting the entire denomination; that the Lord would be glorified and create in us a fresh desire to renew and expand the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.
- Pastor Greg Marshall, the session, and congregation at **Temple Presbyterian Church**, 1105 N. Beersheba Road, Clover, SC 29745-0733, (478) 365-4032.