



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 entire purpose of our lives
— what God wants from us —
is to do good for others, to the glory of God.*

Matt Perman

***The LORD'S Day
Sunday, June 22, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!*

Psalm 112:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Psalm 115:3

Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Adoration

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

Psalm 113 ESV

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

**People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy
from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

*All: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!*

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,
To God all praise and glory!

***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.

²³And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

²⁴And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

²⁵And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing."

²⁶And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

²⁷And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Confession

The Call to Confession

Psalm 53:2-3 ESV

God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after Him. They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

O God, we acknowledge and confess in Your Presence: our sinful nature, prone to evil, and sluggish in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts, and in forgetting Your love.

But You, O Lord, have pity upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for every way in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son: our Savior.

And O, most Holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we implore you, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Zechariah 10:6 ESV

"I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them." Children of the Lord, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks** “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

Chorus:

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. (*Chorus*)

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face,
and in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

We believe that this good God, after creating all things, did not abandon them to chance or fortune but leads and governs them according to his holy will, in such a way that nothing happens in this world without God's orderly arrangement. Yet God is not the author of, and cannot be charged with, the sin that occurs. For God's power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that God arranges and does his works very well and justly even when the devils and the wicked act unjustly.

We do not wish to inquire with undue curiosity into what God does that surpasses human understanding and is beyond our ability to comprehend. But in all humility and reverence we adore the just judgments of God, which are hidden from us, being content to be Christ's disciples, so as to learn only what God shows us in the Word, without going beyond those limits.

This doctrine gives us unspeakable comfort since it teaches us that nothing can happen to us by chance but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father, who watches over us with fatherly care, sustaining all creatures under his lordship, so that not one of the hairs on our heads (for they are all numbered) nor even a little bird can fall to the ground without the will of our Father.

In this thought we rest, knowing that God holds in check the devils and all our enemies, who cannot hurt us without divine permission and will. For that reason, we reject the damnable error of the Epicureans, who say that God does not get involved in anything and leaves everything to chance.

Collection

The Offertory Scripture

Revelation 4:9-11 ESV

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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 1:11-16 ESV
(pew Bible p. 920)

The Sermon

Into the Sea

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. The Mariners' _____ (vs. 11-12)

A. Having identified Jonah as the cause of the _____, they now turn to him for the solution to their increasingly dangerous _____.

B. The prophet _____ no repentance for fleeing from the Lord's calling but resigned himself to the only apparent _____ to the situation.

II. The Mariners' _____ (vs. 13-14)

A. Superficial _____ to the messes caused by our rebellion and disobedience seldom _____.

B. Yahweh _____ according to His good pleasure—either in _____ or in grace.

III. The Mariners' _____ (vs. 15-16)

A. The sailors' _____ produced the desired _____ immediately.

B. From afraid for their lives, the sailors' _____ turned to submissive awe, manifesting itself through their _____.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: answers, problem, actions, resolution, succeed, result, situation, request, emotions, acts, exhibited, repentance, predicament, judgment, solution.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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	Rebecca Wallace and Kimberly Richards	Laura, Brent, and Macie Clinton	Peggy and David Long
Next Week	Trinna Meek and Abby Chidester	Staci and Brett Brackett	Johna Griesman 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 this week to Lessie Anne Wallace and Mike Gardner on 6/23; Amy Allen, Seth Neely, and Tricia Lee on 6/24; Grayson Smith, Jay Forrest, and Rebecca Forrest on 6/25; and Ethan Wallace on 6/28

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

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 contact Pastor Chris.

This Week at Bethel

Today:

VBS Decorating, immediately following worship

Monday-Thursday:

VBS, 8:45 am-12:00 pm

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Next Week at Bethel

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 1, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 pm

GriefShare: Wednesday, July 2, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Office Closed: Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day

Bethel Youth Group News

Slip and Slide: Today, 6:00-8:00 pm, church grounds and meal at the manse

Pool Day: Sunday, June 29, 6:00-8:00 pm, Linders' home

No Youth: Sunday, July 6

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.
- We would be people who live a holy life: the Scriptures would be our standard for living; we would have a clear desire to be like Jesus Christ; we would constantly and consistently battle against sin and seek to please God.
- GriefShare: a support group ministry for those grieving the loss of a loved one in our congregation and community. Through this 13-week program, individuals are equipped to understand the complex emotions associated with grief and learn helpful ways to cope with them. Please praise God for our committed ministry leaders and pray for the fruitfulness of the ministry.
- Pastor Rick Wheeler, the session, and congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Great Falls Highway, Chester, SC 29706, (803) 385-5724.