



# 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!

*Sickness helps to make us think seriously of God,  
and our souls, and the world to come.*

*J.C. Ryle*

*The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, June 29, 2025*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!  
Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!*

***Psalm 31:15-16***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on James 5:14-15**

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

Adoration

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

Psalm 118:19-24 ESV

*Pastor: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.*

**People: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

*Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

**People: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*All: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## **\*The Song of Praise**

### **"In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:  
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## **\*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.*

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Romans 6:12 ESV

*Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires. Knowing this, Bethel Church, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

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

**Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners acknowledge before you that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against you, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as you, our Lord and God, know well.**

**But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them. We ask You for another outpouring of Your abundant mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 9:2 ESV

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. Children of the light, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound –  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we've first begun.

*Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**A. 1. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Collection

**The Offertory Scripture**

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

*Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."*

**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**

Mark 1:29-45 ESV  
(pew Bible p. 995)

**The Sermon**

*Jesus Heals*

Rev. Michael Lee

I. The need for healing

II. The purpose of healing

III. The fruit of healing



**\*The Closing Hymn**    “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”    *Trinity Hymnal #338*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?  
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength and mind.  
I see the cross— there teach my heart to cling:  
O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

**\*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>	Trinna Meek and Abby Chidester	Staci and Brett Brackett	Lindsey Hall and Cullie Mounts
<b>Next Week</b>	Ann Marsh and Cindy Love	Jackie and Albert Krashner	Amanda Brummett and Kathy Donnelly

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 Fordham Hoffman! Happy birthday this week to Ellia DeRousse on 6/30; Alex Riddle on 7/1; Russ Gibson on 7/2; Jenny Richards on 7/3; Adam Coble and Judi Love on 7/4; and Kristine DeRousse on 7/5.*

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

On Sunday, July 13, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Please take some time over the coming weeks to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind by reading and meditating on one of the following Scripture passages: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 32; Psalm 51; Isaiah 53; or, John 6:25-59. For in this way, God renews and knits us together as His chosen people.

#### **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**

**Tuesday:**

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

**Diaconate Meeting**, 7:00 pm

**Wednesday:**

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

**Friday:**

Office closed in observance of Independence Day

#### **Next Week at Bethel**

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

**Colleen Riddle Circle**: Wednesday, July 9, 11:00 am, Education Building, second classroom on right

**GriefShare**: Wednesday, July 9, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

#### **Bethel Youth Group News**

**Pool Day**: Today, 6:00-8:00 pm, Linders' home

**No Youth**: Sunday, July 6

**Middle School Youth Pool Day**: Sunday, July 13, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cobles' home

**QR Code for Giving**



#### **Prayer requests:**

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Betty Jo McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace.
- Pray that we would be hospitable people: we would be warm, friendly, and welcoming, opening our homes and hearts to friends and strangers alike; God would fill us with His Spirit so that our lives bear fruit through good deeds that benefit others.
- Palmetto Women's Center: a ministry empowering women and families facing unexpected pregnancies in York County. They provide accurate information, free services, and practical support, giving each of their clients the care and attention they need, empowering them to make informed decisions for themselves and their future.
- Pastor Al Ward and the congregation at **Zion Presbyterian Church**, 2219 The Avenue, Chester, SC 29706, (803) 581-6071.