



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!

*No matter where you have been, what you have done,
or what has been done to you, the grace of God can wash you clean,
consecrate you as his child, and restore what sin has stolen.*

Garrett Kell

***The LORD'S Day
Communion Sunday, July 13, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

Psalm 86:6

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Ephesians 1:7-8a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

Adoration

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Colossians 3:1-3 ESV

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise. Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious, come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity
love and adore.

***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.

⁷Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

⁸For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed.

⁹I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters.

¹⁰For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account."

¹¹Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present.

¹²Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

¹³But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you.

¹⁴For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ.

¹⁵We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged,

¹⁶so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another's area of influence.

¹⁷"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

¹⁸For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Malachi 3:2-3 ESV

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:5-7 ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

"How Deep the Father's Love"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

***The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Larger Catechism
Q & A 171, 172*

Q. 171. How do we prepare to receive the Lord's supper?

A. Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in Him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally, we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

Q. 172. Should those who have doubts about their being in Christ or about whether they are ready to take communion come to the Lord's supper anyway?

A. Those who have doubts about their position in Christ or about their readiness to take communion may nonetheless have a valid interest in Christ, even though they are not yet assured of being in Him. In God's view, if such people are aware of and grieved by their lack of assurance, sincerely want to be found in Christ, and want to get away from sinning, and (since promises are involved in the sacrament, and it has been established to aid even weak and doubting Christians) if people in that condition are truly sorry for their lack of faith and work hard to resolve their doubts, they may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, so that their faith may be further strengthened.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 54:6-7 ESV

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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 3:1-5 ESV
(pew Bible p. 921)

The Sermon

Our Gracious, Persistent God

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. Jonah's _____ (vs. 1-2)

A. This passage should bring _____ to the heart of every Christian to whom the Lord has given another _____ to obey His commands

B. As a prophet, Jonah's _____ was to deliver God's message to the Ninevites, not to _____ or revise it.

II. Jonah's _____ (vs. 3-4)

A. Depending upon his starting _____, Jonah's trip to Nineveh would have been around five hundred miles and taken at least a _____.

B. To fulfill his _____, the prophet would have had to travel to various sections of the community, _____ to as many groups as possible.

C. The text suggests that God's _____ to the Ninevites was brief and that Jonah preached it _____.

III. Nineveh's _____ (v. 5)

A. The citizens' _____ Jonah was God's messenger and, therefore, trusted his _____.

B. While the _____ in the Ninevites seems relatively short-lived at least a few of the citizens experienced _____ that led to eternal life.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: month, mission, chance, speaking, communication, message, was, repetitively, contrition, location, believed, thanksgiving, proclamation, commission, change, critique, repentance.

***The Preparation Hymn**

“There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” *Trinity Hymnal #253*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
when this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more:
be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

The Distribution of the Elements

Please hold the elements when received that we may all partake at the same time.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Closing Hymn**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Trinity Hymnal #648

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

***The Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***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	Renee Nix and Beth Jackson	Morgan Brown and Brittany Neely	Johna Griesman and Ruth McCormick
Next Week	Beth Stowe and Kathy Donnelly	Cullie Mounts and Lindsay Hall	Abby Chidester and Jenni Quinn

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 Amanda Brummett! Happy birthday this week to Albert Krashner on 7/15; Harper Harvell and Savannah McCall on 7/17; Fred Hallman on 7/18; and Don Love, Haley Burton, and Macie Clinton on 7/19.

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

This morning, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together as a church family. All communing members of Bethel and all visitors with us this morning who are baptized members in good standing of another evangelical church are encouraged to use the worship service to examine themselves in preparation for the wonderful means God has given us to draw closer to Him and to one another as His people.

This Week at Bethel

Today:

Session Meeting, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

WIC Joint Meeting, 6:30 pm, FLC. All women are invited to join us. Bring a salad to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided by WIC council. Guest speaker is Mindy Robinson, Created for a Purpose. Please plan to bring your teen daughters or granddaughters.

Next Week at Bethel

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 22, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, July 23, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Upcoming Events

New Song Concert: New Song, a group of choral performers from Geneva College, will be performing at Zion PCA on July 17 at 7:00 pm and Trinity PCA on July 18 at 6:30 pm. They are phenomenal acapella singers, who will perform a variety of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19). A special offering will be collected both evenings to help support their ministry. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Joint Sunday School Class: On Sunday, July 20, all adult and student classes will meet together in the FLC for a special presentation.

Bethel Youth Group News

Middle School Youth Pool Day: Today, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cobles' home

Split Youth Group: Sunday, July 20

Pool Day: Sunday, July 27, Ivies' House, 6:00-8:00 pm

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, 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 people eager to see the good: we would be equitable in our decisions and counsel, fair in all our dealings, treat all people equally, and not overlook those who are unlike ourselves or easily missed.
- Ministries of God's Word, of the sacraments, and of prayer: the Scriptures would be taught clearly in both pulpit and lectern; the Lord would use our congregation to impact the lives of His people and in this community.
- Pastor Henry Beaulieu, the session, and congregation at **Redeeming Grace Presbyterian Church**, 4800 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie, SC 29710, (803) 831-7133.