



Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Our Mission

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

Welcome to Bethel!

*God's method of sanctification
is neither activism (self-reliant activity)
nor apathy (God-reliant passivity),
but God-dependent effort.*

J.I. Packer

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, July 19, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.*

Jeremiah 20:13

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Deuteronomy 7:6 ESV

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

Adoration

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

Psalm 66:1-5, 8-9, 16 ESV

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”

Pastor: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

People: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sounds of His praise be heard, Who has kept our soul among the living and has not our feet slip.

All: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

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**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.*

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness,

⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.

¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,

¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Micah 7:2-4 ESV

²The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net. ³Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together. ⁴The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand.

Hearing this, Beloved of God, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 13:1-6 ESV

¹How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, ⁴lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. ⁶I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Luke 12:32 ESV

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Christian, remember the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.
*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.
*This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

***The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Larger Catechism
Q & A 156, 157*

Q. 156. Should everyone read the word of God?

A. Although everyone is not allowed to read the word publicly in church, all people must read it privately on their own and with their families. In order for this to happen, the Bible has to be translated out of the original Hebrew and Greek into contemporary languages.

Q. 157. How should the word of God be read?

A. We must read the Bible with high and reverent esteem, being absolutely convinced that it is truly God's word and that only he can enable us to understand it. We should read with a desire to know, believe, and obey his will as revealed in the Bible. We should pay careful attention to its content and the extent of its meaning, meditate on it, apply it to our lives, deny ourselves under its direction, and use it as a basis for our prayers.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Revelation 5:11-12 ESV

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

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 Sermon

Always Reforming

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. God's Word is _____ by His chosen people (v. 1-8)
- A. The people were _____ to hearing God's Word.
- B. The people _____ as God's Word was read.
- C. The people _____ with reverence.
- D. The people were _____ the _____ of God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- II. God's Word is _____ to His chosen people (v. 9-12)
- A. The Scriptures _____ our sin.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- B. The Scriptures _____ our vision.

"Hence, as our heavenly Father has in Christ freely come to our aid, we also ought freely to help our neighbor through our body and its works, and each one should become as it were a Christ to the other...that is, we may be truly Christians." – Martin Luther

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

- C. The Scriptures _____ our means.

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: responded, committed, taught, ensure, appreciated, meaning, listened, expose, applied, expand, attentively.

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

***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>
Today	Shirley Brackett and Kathy Donnelly	Cullie Mounts and Lindsey Hall	Amanda Brummett and Savannah McCall
Next Week	Harper Harvell and Lee Coble	Jennifer Forrest and Lindsay Hoffman	Abby Chidester and Kristine DeRousse

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 Don Love, Haley Burton, and Macie Clinton! Happy birthday this week to Larry Schropp on 7/20, Bobby Love on 7/21, Neil Allen on 7/24, and Catherine Pursley, Charlie Brummett, and Sylvia Price on 7/25.

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

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Scott Wallace. Please know that we are praying for all of you.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of James and Susan Long, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary today, by their sons, Ken and Rob Long.

Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) is seeking teachers and volunteers for the upcoming school year. BSRT offers Bible classes to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at eight Clover School District elementary schools. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ginger Bowman at (704) 460-4213 or Brett Brackett at (704) 860-2220.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Youth Pool Party: 6:00 pm, Ivies' home

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Next Week at Bethel

Youth Pool Party: Sunday, July 26, 6:00 pm, Wallaces' home

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, July 29, 12:00 pm, FLC

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Marianne Falls, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Mark Kozak, 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 bring a move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence; God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood.
- 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.
- The session and congregation at **Salem Presbyterian Church**, 1907 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (706) 881-0192.