



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!

*The world tells us to follow the motivations of our hearts
—in other words, to do whatever we want. In contrast,
Scripture gives us boundaries that aren't meant to stifle us
but instead to help us to walk in the freedom of Christ.*

Trillia Newbell

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, July 26, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:25–26

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Hebrews 12:2 ESV

²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Adoration

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

Psalm 96:1–9 ESV

Pastor: ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! ²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

People: ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Pastor: ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People: ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

All: ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***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.*

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”

³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

⁴⁰When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”

⁴¹Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee?”

⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

⁴³So there was a division among the people over him.

⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”

⁴⁶The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!”

⁴⁷The Pharisees answered them, “Have you also been deceived?”

⁴⁸Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him?

⁴⁹But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed.”

⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them,

⁵¹“Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?”

⁵²They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

Confession

The Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:12–13 ESV

¹²When the righteous triumph, there is great glory, but when the wicked rise, people hide themselves. ¹³Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalms 51:7–12 ESV

O God, ⁷purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.

¹⁰Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. ¹¹Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. ¹²Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Matthew 1:21 ESV

²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Saints, run to Jesus in faith and repentance, for in Christ alone, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks** "Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"

Kent & McCracken

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories, Let my soul for ever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him for ever; Thus the eternal covenant stands.
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder, Why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

***The Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Malachi 1:13–14 ESV

¹³But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. ¹⁴Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

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 8:13–18 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 475)

The Sermon

Feast of Booths

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. _____ of the past

A. The _____ of the covenant community has always been _____
on God's Word.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

B. Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, was time set aside to _____ the
Lord's goodness, presence, and _____ of His chosen people.

II. _____ in the present

A. Legalism is to trust in _____ other than Jesus Christ and His finished
work for one's _____ before the Lord.

B. By obeying God's commands, the Jewish people bore _____ to their
children and neighbors of the Lord's _____ for them through history.

III. _____ for the future

A. Like their great forefather, Abraham, living in tents _____ the people
that they were looking forward to a city with _____ whose architect
and builder is God.

B. As His chosen people, we will spend _____ joyfully worshipping the
Lord.

Revelation 19:6-8 *Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure" — for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: anything, life, standing, confidence, witness, centered, provision, compliance, reminded, remember, foundations, celebration, eternity, protection.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”

Trinity Hymnal #606

Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford; teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heav’nly light; teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storms o’erspread the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine thro’ the cloud and rain, thro’ sorrow, toil, and pain;
make thou my pathway plain; teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Where’er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

***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	Harper Harvell and Lee Coble	Jennifer Forrest and Lindsay Hoffman	Abby Chidester and Kristine DeRousse
Next Week	Kathy Compton and Lawson Gray	Jenifer Riddle and Ann Falls	Johna Griesman and Danielle Austin

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 Aubree Chambers on 7/27, Kim Britt on 7/28, Jackie Hinkle on 7/30.

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

Bethel family, for those interested, copies of the 2026 2nd quarter financial report are available for you in the vestibule/narthex. If you have any questions, please contact your shepherding elder or the church treasurer, DN Ken Long.

The family of Scott Wallace wishes to thank our church family for the cards, food, visits, and especially prayers during our time of loss.

Next Sunday, August 2, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Please take some time over the coming week 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. In this way, God renews and knits us together as His chosen people.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Young Men's Discipleship Group: 5:30 pm, Wynkoops' home

Young Ladies' Discipleship Group: contact Savannah McCall or Debra Kozak for time and location

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

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday

Senior Citizens Lunch: 12:00 pm, FLC. Lunch will be provided by WIC.

Saturday

Young Ladies' Discipleship Group: see Savannah McCall or Debra Kozak for time and location

Next Week at Bethel

Congregational Luncheon: Sunday, August 2, following service. Please make plans to join us next Sunday for a covered-dish fellowship luncheon. This is an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to Bethel, not only to enjoy a wonderful meal but also to get to know us as a congregation. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side, main dish, or dessert to share.

Youth Committee Meeting: Sunday, August 2, 4:00 pm, youth room

Youth: Sunday, August 2, 5:00 pm

Young Men's Discipleship Group: Sunday, August 2, 5:30 pm, Wynkoops' home

Circle #1: Tuesday, August 4, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare: Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Parents Night Out: Saturday, August 8, see Amanda Brummett for more details

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, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- Pray that we would be people who practice godly self-restraint: we would model good works at home, at work, and in our neighborhood; have control over our passions; live according to the New Testament's ethical commands so that God will be glorified.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would give us the strength to honor Him through our bodies as they are the temple of the Lord, and wisdom to continuously build a healthy spiritual life and marriage with Him at the center.
- Pastor Henry Beaulieu, the session, staff, and congregation at **Redeeming Grace Presbyterian Church**, 4800 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie, SC 29710, (803) 831-7133.