



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!

*I always wanted to be a hero — to sacrifice my life in a big way one time —
and yet, God has required my sacrifice to be thousands of days, over many years,
with one more kiss, one more story, one more meal.*

Sally Clarkson

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, August 30, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:2

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Adoration

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

Revelation 4:8, 11 ESV

Pastor: ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

People: ¹¹"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."

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *[Refrain]*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *[Refrain]*

***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.*

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Jeremiah 2:12-13 ESV

¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Bethel, let us confess our corporate sins to God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

**We confess our iniquity; We are sorry for our sin. Do not forsake us, O Lord!
O our God, be not far from us! Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation!
Amen.**

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:38-39 ESV

³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Saints, in Christ alone, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,
So, my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything. (*Refrain*)

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye. (*Refrain*)

***The Confession of Faith**

Philippians 2:3-11 ESV

We confess that as sons and daughters of the living God, His Word tells us that we are to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves. Each of us should look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. We should have this mind among ourselves, which is ours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 54:6-7 ESV

⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. ⁷For 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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

***The Old Testament Reading**

Nehemiah 11:1-12:26 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 478)

The Sermon

Populating the City

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The _____ to serve
 - A. Only a _____ of Judah's total population lived within the walls of the _____.
 - B. As God's _____ we are called to willingly offer _____ to the Lord's work.
- II. The _____ to community
 - A. Behind these rolls lies the care and _____ of parents rearing their offspring "in the discipline and _____ of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4)

B. Jerusalem and its godly _____ were meant to witness to the outside world what believers can and _____ do in their Heavenly Father's world.

C. The church has a remarkable _____ to model real community in a society where it is _____ all around us.

III. The _____ of ministry

A. Just as every _____ of the human body is expected to perform a function, so is every member of the _____ of _____ (1 Cor. 12:12-27).

B. The Word of God calls us to _____ one another in achieving the task God has set _____ us.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: breaking, obligation, down, commitment, devotion, diversity, minority, member, instruction, body, capital, Christ, inhabitants, help, children, should, before, ourselves, opening.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Trinity Hymnal #586

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for 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	Amanda Brummett and Sheridan & Carter Miller	Shirley Brackett and Renee Nix	Debra Kozak and Cullie Mounts
Next Week	Marissa Robinson and Nathalee Cuffman	Stacie Brackett and Kim Britt	Amanda Brummett and Beth Stowe

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 Caroline Richards, Kristopher Whitesides, Steve Linder, and Wanda Whitesides on 8/21.

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

Thank you all for the donation in memory of Scott to the United Way. We appreciate the prayers during this difficult time. -The family of Scott Wallace

Saints, please prayerfully consider joining a community group this fall. These groups typically meet twice a month, either on the 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th weeks. This ministry aims to foster spiritual growth through honest conversations about the gospel and our lives. You can find out more about the available options on our website. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Chris.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Youth Committee Meeting: 4:00 pm, youth room

Kids' Quest: 5:00 pm, crazy socks

Youth: 5:00 pm

Tuesday

Circle #1: 10:30 am, Ladies' Parlor

Wednesday

Men's Bible Study: 6:00 am, Conference Room

GriefShare: 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Next Week at Bethel

Youth: Sunday, September 6, 5:00 pm

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Colleen Riddle Circle: Wednesday, September 9, 11:00 am, FLC

GriefShare: Wednesday, September 9, 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, September 10, 9:30 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events

Men of the Covenant: All Bethel men are invited to join us on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 pm at Steve and Victoria Linder's home at 16528 Plantation Woods Drive, Charlotte, for a meal, fellowship, and election of officers. If you wish to carpool, meet at the FLC at 6:00 pm.

WIC Fall Gathering: September 12, 8:30 am, Westminster Presbyterian Church. The registration fee is \$15. Register with any circle leader. Last day to register is August 28th. For more information, please see recent email.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Craig Adams, Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Marianne Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, 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 hospitable people: we would be warm, friendly, and welcoming, opening our homes to friends and strangers alike; God would fill us with His Spirit so that our lives bear fruit through good deeds that benefit others.
- Families and marriages: those relationships all around us that are stressed; our marriages to be characterized by unity, intimacy, and honesty.
- Pastor Craig Marshall, the session, and congregation at **Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church**, 7386 Lockhart Road, Sharon, SC 29742, (803) 280-4618.