



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!

*In obedience to their King, Jesus, Christians are to build among themselves
a genuine counter-culture, in which the values of the kingdom of God
rather than the values of this world are lived out.*

Douglas Moo

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, October 18, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

¹Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! ²For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 117:1-2

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Acts 1:8 ESV

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Adoration

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

Psalm 86:1-2, 8-13 ESV

Pastor: ¹Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ²Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant, who trusts in you — you are my God.

People: ⁸There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Pastor: ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

People: ¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

All: ¹²I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [*Refrain*]

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [*Refrain*]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. [*Refrain*]

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [*Refrain*]

For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. [*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.*

⁴“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

⁵For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

⁷For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer.

⁹“This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

¹⁰For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Confession

The Call to Confession

James 5:16 ESV

¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Saints of God, let us confess our corporate sins to our Father in Heaven.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious Lord, our lips are ready to confess, but our hearts are slow to feel, and our wills are reluctant to repent.

We bring our entire selves to You this morning – bend us, wound us, and, if necessary, break us. We have seen the purity of Your perfect word, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls – yet we daily violate its precepts.

Your loving Spirit strives within us, brings us Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers – yet we make shameful choices that grieve Him and quench His influence. We mourn and lament these sins, crying to You for pardon. Grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the goodness and glory of our Savior and His cross. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Pardon**

Psalms 32:10-11 ESV

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. ¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Bethel, remember the good news: In Christ alone we are forgiven.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

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86 Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

87 Q. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

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 New Testament Reading**

Revelation 19:1-10 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1232)

The Sermon

God's Dream

Rev. Jorge Aleman

Sermon Notes:

***The Closing Hymn**

“Macedonia”

Trinity Hymnal # 452

The vision of a dying world is vast before our eyes;
We feel the heart-beat of its need, we hear its feeble cries;
Lord Jesus Christ, revive thy church in this, her crucial hour!
Lord Jesus Christ, awake thy church with Spirit-given pow'r.

The savage hugs his god of stone and fears descent of night;
the city dweller cringes lone amid the garish light:
Lord Jesus Christ, arouse thy church to see their mute distress!
Lord Jesus Christ, equip thy church with love and tenderness.

Today, as understanding's bounds are stretch'd on every hand,
O clothe thy Word in bright, new sounds, and speed it o'er the land;
Lord Jesus Christ, empower us to preach by every means!
Lord Jesus Christ, embolden us in near and distant scenes.

The warning bell of judgment tolls, above us looms the cross;
Around are ever dying souls – how great, how great the loss!
O Lord, constrain and move thy church to glad news to impart!
And Lord, as thou dost stir thy church, begin within my heart.

***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	Beth Stowe and Danielle Austin	Peggy & David Long and Kyla Ferguson	Jenifer Riddle and Nathalee Cuffman
Next Week	Jackie & Albert Krashner and Debra Kozak	Drew & Morgan Brown and Jane McCall	Amanda Brummett and Kay Jackson

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 William Frommel! Happy birthday this week to Kragen Price on 10/19; Neil Boyd, Pat Miller, and Shirley Brackett on 10/20; Bridge Robinson, Kimberly Richards, and Nell Martin on 10/22; and Emmie Neely, Mandy Mullis, Sharan Shively, and Tom Cuffman on 10/23.

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 third-quarter financial reports 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.

Thank you to our entire Bethel Church family for your support during Kay's illness and passing. We appreciated all the cards, letters, food, flowers, and especially the prayers. Ron Stewart & family

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Kids' Quest: 5:00 pm, joined by Maricela Aleman

Youth: 5:00 pm, will welcome members of Latin American missions team

Wednesday

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

GriefShare: 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Reformation Day Celebration: Sunday, October 25, at 5:00 pm, FLC. Everyone is invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Please bring your favorite pickup food to share. If you have a favorite pumpkin recipe, be sure to bring it for our pumpkin bake-off contest. If attending, please bring a candy and/or prize donation for the children. Donations can be placed in the box in the FLC kitchen.

YACG: Sunday, October 25, 6:00 pm, Stewart and Savannah McCall's home

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, October 28, 12:00 pm

GriefShare: Wednesday, October 28, 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, October 29, 9:30 pm, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Youth Chili Cook-off: Sunday, November 8, 6:00 pm, gazebo. Everyone is invited! For more information, see Isak Siemens.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Craig Adams, Lisa Allen, Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Marianne Falls, Linda Ferster, Andres Garza, Cary & Helen Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Joe LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, James McCarter, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- Spiritual revival: the Holy Spirit would bestow a growing spiritual hunger in His people and He would draw us into a season of fervent intercession for our lost neighbors and family members.
- Missions Conference: safe return travel for our ministry partners; our love for our neighbors near and far would be reinvigorated as a congregation; we would see and share God's vision for the world.
- The session and congregation at **Salem Presbyterian Church**, 1907 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (706) 881-0192.