



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!

*We cannot imitate a God whose features and habits we have never learned.
We must make a study of Him if we want to become like Him.
We must seek His face.*

Jen Wilkin

**The LORD's Day
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

Job 37:14

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Psalm 96:9 ESV

⁹Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Adoration

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

Psalm 149:1-4 ESV

Pastor: ¹Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Pastor: ³Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!

People: ⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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.*

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Mark 1:14-15 ESV

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Bethel, let us confess our corporate sins.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Isaiah 63:15-19 ESV

¹⁵Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and beautiful habitation. Where are your zeal and your might? The stirring of your inner parts and your compassion are held back from me.

¹⁶For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

¹⁷O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

¹⁸Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary.

¹⁹We have become like those over whom you have never ruled, like those who are not called by your name. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8:31-32 ESV

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Saints, by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks** “We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord, our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up [*Refrain*]

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promise morning o’ how long

O God of Jacob be my strength [*Refrain*]

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful One

and from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom [*Refrain*]

***The Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 1:6 – Concerning Holy Scripture

We believe that the whole purpose of God about everything pertaining to his own glory and to man’s salvation, faith, and life is either explicitly stated in the Bible or may be deduced as inevitably and logically following from it. Nothing is at any time to be added to the Bible, either from new revelations of the Spirit or from traditions of men. Nevertheless, we do recognize that the inward illumination of the Spirit of God is necessary for a saving understanding of the things which are revealed in the word. We also recognize that some provisions for the worship of God and the government of the church are similar to secular activities and organizations; these are to be directed according to our natural understanding and our Christian discretion and should conform to the general rules of the word, which are always to be observed.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 ESV

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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**

1 Corinthians 2:6-13 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1132)

The Sermon

God the Spirit's Work

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The _____ of wisdom (v. 6)
 - A. The _____ of God's wisdom is for _____ people alone.
 - B. The wisdom of this _____ is characterized by its fleeting and _____ nature.
- II. Wisdom and the _____ (vs. 7-9)
 - A. God's wisdom is _____ to those who don't know Him.

Ephesians 3:4-5 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

B. Even the most influential and educated _____ of society cannot know God's _____ without Him showing it to them.

III. Wisdom and the _____ of _____ (vs. 10-13)

A. Only God's Spirit _____ the Lord's plans and purposes, and only the Holy Spirit can _____ God and people together.

B. The Holy Spirit _____ God's wisdom to His _____.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

C. Scriptural _____ is based not on human thinking or man's wisdom but on the _____ given by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: members, message, wisdom, unbeliever, understands, spiritual, link, child, reveals, age, children, source, inspiration, changeable, teaching, God, mysterious.

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with 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	Jackie & Albert Krashner and Debra Kozak	Drew & Morgan Brown and Jane McCall	Amanda Brummett and Kay Jackson
Next Week	Jennifer Forrest and Brittany Neely	Cullie Mounts and Ann Falls	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick

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 Johna Griesman! Happy birthday this week to Grayson Love on 10/26, Jessica McMullan on 10/28, and Tom Love on 10/31.

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

Next Sunday, November 1st, 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.

Please make plans to join us next Sunday, November 1st, 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 with the body.

Bethel family, if you're interested, copies of the third-quarter financial reports are available in the vestibule/narthex. If you have any questions, please contact your shepherding elder or the church treasurer, DN Ken Long.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Youth Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, Providence room

Reformation Day Celebration: 5:00 pm, FLC. Everyone is invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

YACG: 6:00 pm, McCalls' home

Wednesday

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

Senior Citizens' Lunch: 12:00 pm, covered dish meal and special entertainment

GriefShare: 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Congregational Luncheon: Sunday, November 1, immediately following service

Youth Committee Meeting: Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm, Youth Room

Youth: Sunday, November 1, 5:00 pm

Men of the Covenant: Monday, November 2, 6:30 pm, FLC. All Bethel men are invited for a meal, devotional, program, and fellowship.

Circle #1: Tuesday, November 3, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare: Tuesday, November 3, 6:00 pm, "Surviving the Holidays" stand-alone session

Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 am, Conference Room

GriefShare: Wednesday, November 4, 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, November 5, 9:30 am, 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 LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, James McCarter, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- 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.
- City to City – Latin America: a multi-denominational church-planting ministry led by Andres Garza that trains and comes alongside leaders to strengthen churches and gospel movements in the cities of Mexico, Central, and South America.
- Pastor Henry Beaulieu, the session, and congregation at **Redeeming Grace Presbyterian Church**, 4800 Charlotte Highway, Lake Wylie, SC 29710, (803) 831-7133.