



Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Our Vision

Joyfully obeying the Great Commandments
by obediently living the Great Commission.

Welcome to Bethel!

*The world today needs nothing more than true Christ-likeness
in those who bear Christ's name...*

J.R. Miller

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, November 9, 2025**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Psalm 99:5

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer

Romans 13:1 ESV

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Adoration

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

Psalm 149:1-4 ESV

*Pastor: Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the
godly!*

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

*All: Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine
and lyre! For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with
salvation.*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

*O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*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.*

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Colossians 3:12-13 ESV

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Hearing this, saints, let us draw near to the Lord with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love. According to Your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Save us from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves us and our tongues will sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 12:2 ESV

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”**

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

Chorus:

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. (*Chorus*)

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father’s face,
and in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

***The Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 20:4 Concerning Christian Liberty and Liberty of Conscience

We believe that because the powers which God has ordained and the liberty which Christ has purchased are not intended by God to destroy each other, but mutually to uphold and preserve one another, those who, in the name of Christian liberty, oppose any lawful power or any lawful exercise of it, whether civil or ecclesiastical, resist the ordinance of God. Those who declare opinions or maintain practices contrary to the light of nature, or to the known principles of Christianity (whether concerning faith, worship, or manner of life), or the power of godliness; or who are guilty of such erroneous opinions or practices, as either in their own nature, or in the manner of publishing or maintaining them, are destructive of the external peace and order which Christ has established in the church, may lawfully be called to account, and proceeded against, by the censures of the church. That we in no way make any image of God nor worship Him in any other way that He has commanded in His Word.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Philippians 1:3-6 ESV

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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 Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer

The Sermon

Living as the People of God – Part 2

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. An appeal to live as a godly _____ (v. 11-12)
- A. When Peter refers to _____ as “sojourners and exiles,” he means that we are never fully at home in this _____.
- B. The _____ of the flesh which Peter mentions are the natural, fallen desires that human beings have _____ from the work of God the Spirit
- C. Despite injustice, the _____ of the Christian witness will not be lost as the surrounding world sees the _____ of Jesus’ disciples.
- II. A command to live as a godly _____ (v. 13-17)
- A. Christ’s followers are to _____ to governing authorities because of our relationship to the Lord, for in obeying the _____ we obey God’s will.
- B. By submitting to government, believers _____ that we are good citizens, not rebels, thereby extinguishing the _____ of our ignorant neighbors.
- C. As Christians, we are _____ from sin, from the curse of the law, and from death, but our freedom is no _____ for insubordination.

D. While we have _____ to the state, our responsibilities to each other and to the Lord are more _____.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: apart, Christians, citizen, criticisms, deeds, demonstrate, excuse, free, good, government, impact, important, obligations, passions, pilgrim, submit, world.

This is my Father's world,
and to my list'ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass,
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heav'n be one.

***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	Kim Britt and Mandy Wynkoop	Kathy Donnelly and Lee Coble	Danielle Austin and Amanda Brummett
Next Week	Meredith & Brenna Clinton and Cheri Jackson	Judi and Ross Love	Peggy and David Long

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 Brenda Glenn! Happy birthday this week to Lisa Allen on 11/5, Georgia Brown on 11/6, and Hamp Stowe on 11/7.

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, Bethel Church family, for your many cards and gifts in honor of pastor appreciation month. It is a true blessing and absolute privilege to serve such a loving congregation. Blessings in Christ, the pastoral staff.

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 16, 2025, following morning worship, for the purpose of presenting the 2026 operating budget, voting on a new trustee, and voting on officer candidates. Having successfully completed 11 weeks of training, a written and verbal Session examination, the following candidates were unanimously approved to stand for election:
Ruling Elder class of 2029: Sean Carrick, Tim Marsh
Deacon class of 2027: Paul D. Robinson (currently open spot)
Deacon class of 2029: Stewart McCall

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Joint Officers Meeting: 2:00 pm

Wedding Shower: drop-in 2:00-3:30 pm, FLC, for Rebecca Gilbert

Circle #2: 3:30 pm, Ladies Sunday School Classroom

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, basement

Kids' Quest: 5:00 pm, favorite character night

Christmas Play Practice: 5:15-5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Youth: 5:00 pm

Monday:

Circle #3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday:

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Colleen Riddle Circle: 11:00 am, Education Building

Thursday:

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom, stand-alone session "Surviving the Holidays"

Next Week at Bethel

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: Sunday, November 16, 4:00 pm, basement

Kids' Quest: Sunday, November 16, 5:00 pm, wacky tacky night

Christmas Play Practice: Sunday, November 16, 5:15-5:45 pm, Sanctuary

Youth Chili Cookoff: Sunday, November 16, 6:00 pm

Young Adult Community Group: Sunday November 16, 6:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, November 19, 6:00 am, Conference Room

GriefShare: Wednesday, November 19, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, November 20, 9:30 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Children's Christmas Play: Come watch our Bethel children bear witness to God's unfolding plan of redemption in "The Ten Proclamations" on December 7 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Join us in the FLC for refreshments following the play.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Bill Keller, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- Visitors: God would give us eyes to see the singles, couples, and families we can invite into our congregation; we would be a warm, welcoming faith community where the love of Christ is freely shared and received.
- Men's Ministry: God would use these efforts to build relationships between the men of the congregation; that the men of Bethel would feel loved by their Savior and find places of service in our congregation and community.
- Pastor Jason Anderson, the session and congregation at **Hopewell Presbyterian Church**, 1571 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1066.