



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Vision

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

## Welcome to Bethel!

*Corporate worship is a regular, gracious reminder  
that it's not about you. You've been born into a life  
that is a celebration of another.*

***Paul David Tripp***

***The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, October 5, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Ascribe 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**

Romans 13:8 ESV

*Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

*Adoration*

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

Romans 11:33-36 ESV

*Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

**People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?**

*All: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee  
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*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.*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Galatians 5:1 ESV

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Hearing this, Bethel Church, let us draw near to the Lord with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.*

### **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

1 Corinthians 3

*Almighty Father, while we were yet sinners, You sent Your Son to bear our sins in His body on the tree. And while we know this and have been reminded of this glorious truth many times, we continue to act as infants in Christ. We behave as if we were still in the flesh. We indulge in jealousy, which is covetousness. We attribute Your work to mere men, and we boast in them, which is idolatry. We are far more passionate for our lives and our interests than for Your Kingdom and glory, which is to make ourselves gods.*

*How much wisdom we have gathered from the world, and then considered ourselves to be wise! How much we have built that will not withstand the day of judgment!*

*And yet You have given us all things in Christ, and have built us into Your holy temple. You have promised us that we have conquered death in the death of our Savior. And so we confess all of these things, as well as many unspoken sins, and we do so in the confidence that You will hear and forgive, for the sake of Your Son our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.*

### **The Silent Confession of Sin**

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Luke 12:32 ESV

*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Children of God, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, 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**

The Heidelberg Catechism  
Q & A 65, 66, 67

*Q. 65. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his benefits: where, then, does that faith come from?*

**A. The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.**

*Q. 66. What are sacraments?*

**A. Sacraments are visible, holy signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them He might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel and seal that promise.**

**And this is God's gospel promise: to grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross.**

*Q. 67. Are both the word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?*

**A. Yes! In the gospel, the Holy Spirit teaches us and, by the holy sacraments, confirms that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.**

## Collection

### **\*The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 96:7-9 ESV

*Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

### **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 New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:22-25 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 1203)

### The Sermon

*Loving One Another*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. As Christians, we demonstrate our \_\_\_\_\_ by loving one another.

(v. 22)

A. The Apostle's \_\_\_\_\_ here isn't on our justification; it's on our post-conversion \_\_\_\_\_.

*James 4:8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of maturing in the faith requires \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Loving our brothers and sisters in the \_\_\_\_\_ is a key component of being an obedient \_\_\_\_\_.

*Matthew 22:37-39 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

D. When our heart was \_\_\_\_\_, we were given both a new set of affections as well as a new family in which to \_\_\_\_\_ that love.

II. As Christians, we demonstrate our \_\_\_\_\_ by loving one another. (v. 23a)

A. No longer are we \_\_\_\_\_ to Satan, but we've been set free from bondage to sin, death, and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

B. That perishable \_\_\_\_\_ in which we were born passed away; it \_\_\_\_\_ when God gave us new life.



III. As Christians, we demonstrate our passion for \_\_\_\_\_ by loving one another (v. 23b-25)

A. The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ that bears eternal life in us.

B. Strength, power, wealth, beauty, and fame all quickly \_\_\_\_\_, but those who have been born again will abide with God \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** forever, dim, seed, Word, God's, died, kernel, shame, slaves, birth, new, express, transformed, disciple, faith, obedience, process, sanctification, emphasis, holiness.

**\*The Closing Hymn**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

*Trinity Hymnal #535*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to 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.*

	<b>Infants (0-2)</b>	<b>Toddlers (2-4)</b>	<b>Worship Training (5-7)</b>
<b>Today</b>	Cathy Robinson and Ann Marsh	Jackie and Albert Krashner	Peggy and David Long
<b>Next Week</b>	Renee Nix and Lawson Gray	Amanda and Miller Brummett	Johna Griesman and Cullie Mounts

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 Barbara Love on 10/9; Floyd Neal on 10/10; and Ginger Bowman on 10/11 .*

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

The Deacon's Fund will be collected in the vestibule after service.

#### **This Week at Bethel**

##### **Sunday:**

**Middle School Girls Discipleship Group:** 4:00 pm

**Youth:** 5:00 pm

**Young Adult Community Group:** Ross and Judy Love's home, see Matt Clay for more info

##### **Tuesday:**

**Circle #1:** 10:30 pm, Ladies Parlor

**GriefShare:** 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Diaconate Meeting:** 7:00 pm, Conference Room

##### **Wednesday:**

**Men's Bible Study:** 6:00-7:00 am, Conference Room in FLC. All men are invited!

**GriefShare:** 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

#### **Next Week at Bethel**

**ILPC Session Meeting:** Sunday, October 12, 2:00 pm

**Session Meeting:** Sunday, October 12, 2:45 pm

**Circle #2:** Sunday, October 12, 3:30 pm, Ladies SS Classroom

**Middle School Girls Discipleship Group:** Sunday, October 12, 4:00 pm

**Youth:** Sunday, October 12, 5:00 pm

**Kids' Quest:** Sunday, October 12, 5:00 pm, wear white night

**Circle #3:** Monday, October 13, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Colleen Riddle Circle:** Wednesday, October 15, 11:00 am, Education Building

**GriefShare:** Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Mentors & Moms:** Thursday, October 16, 9:30 am, Education Building

#### **Upcoming Events at Bethel**

**Men of the Covenant:** Fellowship Presbytery MOC meeting will be held at Bethel on October 23 at 6:30 pm. Let James Long (803-627-3128 or jlong611@bellsouth.net) know by October 9 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$15 per person. No meeting tomorrow.

**QR Code for Giving**



#### **Prayer requests:**

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Willie Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- We would be people who live a holy life: the Scriptures would be our standard for living; we would have an obvious desire to be like Jesus Christ; we would constantly and obviously battle against sin and seek to please God.
- GriefShare: a support group ministry for those grieving the loss of a loved one in our congregation and community. Through this 13-week program, individuals are equipped to understand the complex emotions associated with grief and learn helpful ways to cope with them. Please praise God for our committed ministry leaders and pray for the fruitfulness of the ministry.
- The staff and congregation at **Christ Ridge Presbyterian Church**, 1070 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708-7831, (803) 548-2020.