



# 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!

*The world tells us to follow the motivations of our hearts  
—in other words, to do whatever we want.*

*In contrast, Scripture gives us boundaries that aren't meant  
to stifle us but instead to help us to walk in the freedom of Christ.*

***Trillia Newbell***

**The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, November 23, 2025**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

***Psalm 100:4***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer**

Hebrews 4:15 ESV

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

Adoration

**\*The Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16:8-13 ESV

<sup>8</sup> *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;*

*make known his deeds among the peoples!*

<sup>9</sup> *Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!*

<sup>10</sup> *Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

<sup>11</sup> *Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!*

<sup>12</sup> *Remember the wondrous works that he has done,*

*his miracles and the judgments he uttered,*

<sup>13</sup> *O offspring of Israel his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:  
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

**\*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>I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup>O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

<sup>12</sup>that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Psalm 7:12-13 ESV

*If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts. Hearing this, saints, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

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

Isaiah 63:15-19 ESV

*Look 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. For 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.*

*O 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. Your holy people held possession for a little while; our adversaries have trampled down your sanctuary. We 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 Forgiveness**

Deuteronomy 26:18-19 ESV

*And the LORD has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**\*The Song of Thanks “My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness”**

*Getty and Townend*

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So, I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

**\*The Confession of Faith**

*The Ligonier Statement on Christology*

*We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.*

*Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried; He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.*

*For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God’s wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.*

*Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.*

## Collection

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

Malachi 1:14 ESV

*Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.*

### **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 2:18-25 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 1204)

### **The Sermon**

*Following the Savior's Example*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. Our \_\_\_\_\_ requires our submission (v. 18-20)

A. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ yield to our supervisor's desires regardless of their  
\_\_\_\_\_.

*Colossians 3:22* Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.

B. When we suffer \_\_\_\_\_ we should be mindful of our Lord and  
\_\_\_\_\_ grace to others.

II. Our \_\_\_\_\_ requires our submission (v. 21-22)

A. Because of our \_\_\_\_\_, we can expect to \_\_\_\_\_ persecution for doing good.

B. Even though He did not sin, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the penalty for our \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Jesus provides a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern for us to follow.

*Hebrews 4:15* For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

III. Our \_\_\_\_\_ displays quiet submission that we must practice (v. 23-25)

A. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ himself to the Father's will.

B. Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ was for our good.

C. By God's grace we've been \_\_\_\_\_ and our rift with God has been \_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 6:13* Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

**Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** healed, reborn, obedience, entrusted, Christ, wonderful, transgressions, suffered, experience, calling, calling, extend, unjustly, behavior, respectfully, workplace.



## **The Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons**

(from BCO 24-6)

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

To the congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

## **The Laying On of Hands**

### **The Ordination Prayer**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,  
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine,  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

**\*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>      |
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| <b>Today</b>     | Jenni Quinn and Shirley Brackett      | Savannah McCall and Jenifer Riddle | Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace |
| <b>Next Week</b> | Jessica McMullen and Nathalee Cuffman | Marissa Robinson and Sylvia Price  | Johna Griesman and Danielle Austin |

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 Cathy Robinson on 11/28.

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

We want to extend our sincere condolences to Roddy Beard and his family on the passing of Laverne. Please know that we are praying for you.

With a majority vote, Sean Carrick and Tim Marsh were elected to serve as ruling elders in the class of 2029. Stewart McCall was elected to serve as a deacon in the class of 2029, and Paul D. Robinson was elected to fill the open spot in the deacon class of 2027. Please thank the Lord for His provision in calling these gifted men to serve our congregation.

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

##### **Sunday:**

**Kids' Quest:** 5:00 pm, fancy night, play practice at 5:15 pm

**Youth:** 5:00 pm

**Young Adult Community Group:** 6:00 pm

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

**Youth:** Sunday, November 30, 5:00 pm

**Education Building Christmas Decorating:** Sunday, November 30, 5:00-6:30 pm, see Abby Chidester for questions

**Men of the Covenant:** Our Christmas meal, with wives, is on December 1 at 6:30 pm in the FLC. The cost is \$15 per person, to be paid that evening. Let Calvin Reese or James Long know by November 26 if you plan to attend.

**Circle #1:** Tuesday, December 2, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

**Diaconate Meeting:** Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 pm

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 am, Conference Room

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

**Christmas Play Practice:** Saturday, December 6, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

#### **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. We will be receiving the Joy Gift Offering, which answers the prayers of PCA widows and missionaries in times of financial need. Please join us for refreshments, provided by Women in the Church, in the Family Life Center following the play.

#### **Prayer requests:**

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, 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.
- Spiritual revival: the Holy Spirit would give us a passion to see people saved and eyes to see the opportunities He gives us each day to share the gospel.
- 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.