



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!

*To follow Jesus is to pay the cost of discipleship,
and then to die to ourselves, to our own interests,
our own agendas and reputations. It is to pick up our crosses
and count the cost of losing all that contradicts his will and his way...*

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***The LORD'S Day
Sunday, July 20, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

Psalm 111:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introduction of New Communing Members

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Isaiah 49:15

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.”

Adoration

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

Psalm 98:1-6 ESV

Pastor: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You! They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

***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.**

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?

¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,

²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Psalm 32:10-11 ESV

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! Therefore, children of God, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

We poor sinners acknowledge before You, our God and Creator, that we have terribly, and in many ways, sinned against You, not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness, unbelief, doubts, despair, impatience, pride, covetousness, envy, hatred, malice, and other sinful emotions, as You, our Lord and God, know well, and we cannot deeply enough abhor.

But we repent of these things, and are sorry for them, and we heartily ask You for mercy, for the sake of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:10-13 ESV

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Bethel saints, receive the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

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.

Q. 134. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is: You shall not murder.

Q. 135. What does the sixth commandment require?

A. The sixth commandment requires us to do our best to make every lawful effort to preserve our own life and the lives of others. We do this by not thinking about or planning, by controlling our emotions, and by avoiding all opportunities, temptations, or actions that would promote or lead to the unjust taking of someone's life. In the pursuit of that goal, we must defend others from violence, patiently endure the afflictions from God's hand, have a quiet mind and a cheerful spirit, practice temperance in the way we eat, drink, take medications, sleep, work, and play. We should also harbor charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, and kindness. Our speech and behavior should be peaceful, mild, and courteous. We should be tolerant of others, be ready to be reconciled, patiently put up with and forgive injuries against us, and return good for evil. Finally, we should provide aid and comfort to those in distress as well as protect and defend the innocent.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Romans 11:34-36 ESV

"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?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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**

Matthew 9:35-38 ESV
(pew Bible p. 968)

The Sermon

A Necessary Compassion

Rev. Andres Garza

***The Closing Hymn**

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

Trinity Hymnal #644

May the mind of Christ my Savior
live in me from day to day,
by his love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self abasing,
this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only him.

***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 Kathy Donnelly	Cullie Mounts and Lindsey Hall	Abby Chidester and Jenni Quinn
Next Week	Harper Harvell and Lee Coble	Jennifer Forrest and Lindsay Hoffman	Brittany Neely and Ilse Wallace

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 Larry Schropp! Happy birthday this week to Bobby Love on 7/21; Neil Allen on 7/24; and Catherine Pursley, Sylvia Price, and Charlie Brummett on 7/25.

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

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Andres Garza, Latin America Director of Redeemer City to City and church planter in Monterrey, Mexico, and his wife, Ruth.

Please welcome our newest communing members: Ellie Rose Austin, Evey Elyse Coble, Mallory Lynn Cuffman, Mason Walker Cuffman, Macey Kathryn Hall, Loretta Fleming Mounts, and Malize Adele Wallace.

This Week at Bethel

Tuesday:

GriefShare, 6:30–8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

Next Week at Bethel

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 29, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, July 30, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Senior Citizen's Lunch: Wednesday, July 30, 12:00 pm. WIC is providing the meal. If you committed to bring a door prize, please remember to bring that with you.

Upcoming Events

Kids Night Out: Saturday, August 2, 4:00-7:00 pm. Drop your kids off for a fun time of games, pizza, and a Bible story! The suggested donation per family is \$10. If you are interested, please sign up with Amanda Brummett. Save the date and invite a friend!

Bethel Youth Group News

Split Youth Group: Today

Pool Day: Sunday, July 27, Ivies' House, 6:00-8:00 pm

Young Adults

Our Young Adult Sunday School class will begin meeting on July 27th. When entering the education building through the front door, we will meet in the first classroom on the right.

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Betty Jo McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Diane Wyatt.
- Pray that we would be people who are respected by others: we would be known and respected by outsiders for our godly conduct and consistency of life, have a good reputation with neighbors, relatives, and colleagues, and be submissive to God's appointed authority.
- Spiritual revival: The Holy Spirit would bestow a growing spiritual hunger in us as His people; He would draw us into a season of fervent intercession for our lost neighbors and family members.
- Pastor Michael Lee, the temporary session, and core group at **Indian Land Presbyterian Church-Mission**, 6549 Gopher Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 370-9953.