



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!

*God does not desire us to waste our life in tears.
We are to put our grief into new energy of service.
Sorrow should make us more reverent,
more earnest, and more helpful to others.*

J.R. Miller

*The LORD'S Day
Sunday, August 10, 2025*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

Psalm 134:2

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Leviticus 11:44

For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

Adoration

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

Psalm 148:1-4, 11-14 ESV

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

People: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

All: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD!

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud 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.*

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’

⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.

⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’

⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,

¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’

¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’

¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.

¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’

¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Confession

The Call to Confession

Isaiah 46:12-13 ESV

"Listen to me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off, and my salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel my glory." Therefore, Bethel Church, let us confess our sins to God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief. Our transgressions and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we bless You that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Go on to subdue our corruptions, and grant us grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh bring us into bondage, but rule over us in liberty and power.

We thank You that many of our prayers have been refused. Go on with Your patient work, answering 'no' to our wrongful supplications, and fitting us to accept it. Purge us from every false desire, every corrupt aspiration, everything contrary to Your commands. We thank You that you will carry this work on to its completion and pray all these things in the strong name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Children of God, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ 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*]

Q. 6. Did God create people so wicked and perverse?

A. No. God created them good and in His own image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that they might truly know God their creator, love Him with all their heart, and live with God in eternal happiness, to praise and glorify Him.

Q. 7. Then where does this corrupt human nature come from?

A. The fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise. This fall has so poisoned our nature that we are all conceived and born in a sinful condition.

Q. 8. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Romans 12:1 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 Old Testament Reading

Jonah 4:4-11 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 921)

The Sermon

The Lord's Pity

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The probing _____ (v. 4)
 - A. In this _____, the Lord asks the prophet about the _____ of his rage.
 - B. Yahweh is _____ to help Jonah understand His _____ for all people.
- II. The pouting _____ (vs. 5-9)
 - A. Rather than _____ his heart, Jonah observed Nineveh to see if they would _____ from their repentance.
 - B. Both the great fish and the vine _____ God's providential preserving and governing every _____ and every action.
 - C. Having failed as God's _____, now he had failed Yahweh in his heart, thus, Jonah _____ to die.
- III. The Lord's _____ (vs. 10-11)
 - A. The prophet's anger _____ not only a lack of comprehension but also a lack of _____.
 - B. The _____ of the love of God for the nations is ultimately the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: backslide, seeking, illustrate, source, trust, creature, messenger, compassion, question, cross, wished, prophet, pity, measure, query, expressed, examining.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Trinity Hymnal # 481

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
and life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting
he passed, and we follow him there;
over us sin no more hath dominion-
for more than conqu'rors we are! [*Refrain*]

His Word shall not fail you– he promised;
believe him, and all will be well:
then go to a world that is dying,
his perfect salvation to tell! [*Refrain*]

***The Benediction**

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

Beloved of God, ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***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	Rebecca Wallace and Kim Britt	Nathalee Cuffman and Mandy Wynkoop	Peggy and David Long
Next Week	Meredith & Brenna Clinton and Jenifer Riddle	Abby Chidester and Cheri Jackson	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 today to Renee Nix! Happy birthday this week to Hannah Holben on 8/11; Ed Hinkle on 8/14; Brice Brackett and Henry Wynkoop on 8/15; and Lainey Lee Britt on 8/16.

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

The family of Betty Jo McCarter would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls during this difficult time.

Saints, please prayerfully consider joining a community group this fall. Typically, these groups meet twice a month, either on the 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th weeks. The goal of this ministry is to foster spiritual growth through honest conversations about the gospel and our lives. Several groups will start in August at a location near you. You can find out more about the available options on our website. If you have any further questions, please get in touch with Pastor Chris.

Interested in learning more about Bethel Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? We're planning a new member's class beginning Sunday, September 7th. The meetings will occur at 10:00 am upstairs in the Family Life Center. If you plan to attend, please get in touch with Pastor Chris via email (chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com), text (443.841.2985), or through the church office.

This Week at Bethel

Today:

Joint Officers Meeting, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Circle # 2, 3:30 pm, Education Building, second room on right

Youth, 5:00 pm

Kids' Quest, 5:00 pm, kickoff night with pizza and water fun

Monday:

Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Education Building, second room on right

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

Next Week at Bethel

Kids' Quest: Sunday, August 17, 5:00 pm, crazy socks

Youth: Sunday, August 17, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Monday, August 18, "Loss of Spouse" stand-alone session, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, August 19, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

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, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Diane Wyatt.
- We would be peacemakers: not contentious or eager for a fight and quick to make peace with others, to apologize to those we've offended, and to overlook offenses committed against us.
- Ministries of God's Word, of the sacraments, and prayer: the Scriptures would be taught clearly in both pulpit and lectern; the Lord would use our congregation to impact the lives of His people and in this community.
- Pastor Mike Honeycutt, the session, staff, and congregation at **Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1320 India Hook Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732, (803) 366-3107.**