



# 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!

*“To gather with God’s people  
in united adoration of the Father  
is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.”*

*Martin Luther*

*The LORD’S Day  
Sunday, September 21, 2025*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous! Praise is fitting for the upright.*

***Psalm 33:1***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer**

**Psalm 107:1–3 ESV**

*“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the east and west, north and south.”*

Adoration

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

**2 Corinthians 1:3–5 ESV**

*Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction,*

**Congregation: so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

*All: For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we also share abundantly in His comfort.*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all..

**\*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.*

**Context:** A united Passover celebration at the dedication of the Second Temple

<sup>16</sup> And the people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

<sup>17</sup> They offered at the dedication of this house of God 100 bulls, 200 rams, 400 lambs, and as a sin offering for all Israel 12 male goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

<sup>18</sup> And they set the priests in their divisions and the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God at Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of Moses.

<sup>19</sup> On the fourteenth day of the first month, the returned exiles kept the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves together; all of them were clean. So they slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the returned exiles, for their fellow priests, and for themselves.

<sup>21</sup> It was eaten by the people of Israel who had returned from exile, and also by every one who had joined them and separated himself from the uncleanness of the peoples of the land to worship the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>22</sup> And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Psalm 32:5–6 ESV

*A teaching of David: "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and you forgave my sin." Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.*

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

*An Adaptation of Psalm 32*

**Lord, when I kept silent, and would not confess my sin to You, my bones wasted away, and I groaned inside day and night. Your hand was heavy upon me, and my strength was dried up, like the summer heat dries the grass. O God, instruct me and teach me in the way I should go; don't let me be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bridle to be controlled. I acknowledge my sin to you. My transgressions are ever before me. Help me trust in you that your steadfast love surround me, for blessed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose transgressions are covered by Jesus blood. Make me glad in you, O Lord...make me shout for joy!**

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

#### **\*The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 31

*Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to us. The LORD preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who look to the LORD!*

## **\*The Song of Thanks**

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman

*Refrain:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Refrain)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come.

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(Refrain)*

## **\*The Confession of Faith**

Belgic Confession

Article 10

*We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only Son of God—eternally begotten, not made or created, for then he would be a creature. He is one in essence with the Father; the exact image of the person of the Father and the reflection of God's glory, being like the Father in all things. Jesus Christ is the Son of God not only from the time he assumed our nature but from all eternity. And so it must follow that the one who is called God, the Word, the Son, and Jesus Christ already existed before creating all things. So then, he is the true eternal God, the Almighty, whom we invoke, worship, and serve.*

## Collection

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

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ESV

*Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

### **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**

I Corinthians 1:4–9 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 1131)

### **The Sermon**

*Devoted to Fellowship*

Pastor Mark Kozak

**Summary:** Fellowship is the lavish generosity of \_\_\_\_\_ to others what Christ first gave us.

I. We \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship.

A. 1:9 – We are \_\_\_\_\_ into fellowship

B. 1:4 – a \_\_\_\_\_ that regenerates, justifies, saves

C. 1:7b – a shared \_\_\_\_\_: Christ's return

D. We already have all this in \_\_\_\_\_.

II. What \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship?

A. A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

B. Contrasted with Isaiah 59:1-2 – sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God and people.

III. Getting \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of whatever sin in causing the separation

B. \_\_\_\_\_: We ARE a body–think/live like one

C. Let the Gospel \_\_\_\_\_ actions/relationships.

D. Practice inter- \_\_\_\_\_: (1) senior saints (2) younger people (3) parents

**Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** giving, have, called, grace, hope, common, is, vertical, horizontal, separates, more, repent, mindset, control, generationality



**\*The Closing Hymn**    "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"    *Trinity Hymnal #469*

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,  
while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice, and enter while there's room,  
when thousands make a wretched choice and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
send Thy victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Thy churches full, that all the chosen race  
may with one voice and heart and soul, sing Thy redeeming grace.

**\*The Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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.*

	<b>Infants (0-2)</b>	<b>Toddlers (2-4)</b>	<b>Worship Training (5-7)</b>
<b>Today</b>	Ilse Wallace and Savannah McCall	Judi and Ross Love	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick
<b>Next Week</b>	Ann Carol Love and Cindy Love	Laura, Brent, and Macie Clinton	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 this week to Isaac McKinnon on 9/22; Stacie Brackett on 9/23; Mason Stowe on 9/24; Kyle Mounts on 9/25; and Luke Austin on 9/27.*

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

To The Bethel Family,  
A sincere thank you for all who made my installation a homecoming... from the session members involved, to those who prepared the fellowship meal, to the kids for my "welcome" sign, to all in attendance. Debra and I are ready to "do life" with you.  
Mark and Debra Kozak

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

##### **Sunday:**

**Youth:** 5:00 pm

**Kids' Quest:** 5:00 pm, canned goods donation night

##### **Tuesday:**

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

##### **Wednesday:**

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

**Senior Citizens Lunch:** 12:00 pm, FLC. We will have a covered dish meal.

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

##### **Thursday:**

**Mentors & Moms:** 9:30 am, Education Building

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

**Middle School Girls Discipleship Group:** Sunday, September 28, 4:00 pm, basement

**Youth:** Sunday, September 28, 5:00 pm

**Kids' Quest:** Sunday, September 28, 5:00 pm, hat night

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, September 30, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday, October 1, 6:00-7:00 am, Conference Room in FLC. All men are invited!

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

**Mentors & Mom:** Thursday, October 2, 9:30 am, Education Building

**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, Diane Wyatt.
- Visitors: God would give us eyes to see those singles, couples, and families we can invite to our congregation; we would be a warm, welcoming faith community where the love of Christ is freely shared and received.
- Fellowship Presbytery: Pray for September 24th Stated Meeting. Pray for unity, clarity, and that the work and the decisions made would glorify the Lord.
- Pastor Rick Wheeler and the congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Great Falls Highway, Chester, SC 29706, (803) 385-5724.