



Bethel
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Our Mission

Glorifying God by going to the ends of the earth
to gather and grow His people.

Welcome to Bethel!

Pragmatism is the enemy of obedience. When we base our decision-making on what looks more sensible or beneficial or understandable, then, when it comes to it, we're going to worship our culture's idols instead of obeying God.

Alistair Begg

The LORD's Day
Sunday, January 25, 2026

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the Lord! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

Psalm 134:1-2

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Proverbs 22:4

The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life.

Adoration

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

Psalm 103 ESV

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

People: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

All: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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.*

⁹“And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him
¹⁰and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household.
¹¹Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food.

¹²But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit.

¹³And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to Pharaoh.

¹⁴And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all.

¹⁵And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers,

¹⁶and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

¹⁷“But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt

¹⁸until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph.

¹⁹He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive.

²⁰At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God’s sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father’s house,

²¹and when he was exposed, Pharaoh’s daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son.

²²And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Psalm 5:11-12 ESV

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

1 Corinthians 3 ESV

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**

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Sacrament of Baptism

(from Book of Church Order 56-5)

Aaron and Harper Harvell present their daughter, Scottie Blair, for the sacrament of baptism.

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Congregational Commitment

In the presence of God, the Author and Giver of life, we, the Body of Christ in this place will pray for you parents, in the great and joyful responsibility God has entrusted to you.

As individuals, we will pray that as you grow in Christ, you may bear the fruit of wisdom and godliness day by day.

As a church, we promise to fulfill our responsibility to you and your children in teaching, serving and loving them, that from their earliest days of memory, they may see the face of Jesus mirrored in us.

We pledge this in the name of Jesus, Who became a child that we might become the children of God.

Love of God, revealed in wonder by the works of a Maker's hand;
Seas that roar with thund'rous splendor, fields that whisper at His command.
All the joys of life we cherish are God's gracious sign:
We are children of His promise, heirs of mercy and grace divine.
Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

Love of God, revealed in frailty through the gift of a servant King;
Joy of Heaven robed in humility, Prince of Peace crowned with suffering.
Oh what grace, that calls humanity to kneel at the cross
And exchange our sin's futility for the joy of a Father's love.
Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

Love of God, what priceless treasure over all this world affords;
To be His and His forever - this my glory and my reward!
May this love beyond all knowing, so capture my soul
That I'm filled to overflowing with a passion for Him alone!
Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.

*The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 69, 70

Q. 69 How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly His blood and His Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

Q. 70 What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in His sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Collection

*The Offertory Scripture

Exodus 25:2 ESV

Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

***The Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 1:1-22 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 53)

The Sermon

Spiritual Midwifery

Pastor Mark Kozak

Summary: The supernatural work God Himself is doing in His church is divinely intended to employ us as _____.

I. Introducing: The _____

II. Meet the _____: A picture of the Church

III. Appl: Christ _____ His church, but...

***The Closing Hymn** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" *Trinity Hymnal #600*

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful foll'wer I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. [Refrain]

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. [Refrain]

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. [Refrain]

***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	Harper Harvell and Lee Coble	Jennifer Forrest and Lindsay Hoffman	Amanda Brummett and Savannah McCall
Next Week	Kathy Compton and Lawson Gray	Jenifer Riddle and Ann Falls	Jenni Quinn and Nathalee Cuffman

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.

<p>Happy birthday today to Andrew Brown! Happy birthday this week to Bill Boyd, Brenda Seaford, Carol Davis, and Elijah Chidester on 1/29, and Debbie Meek on 1/30.</p>	<p>This Week at Bethel</p> <p>Sunday: Youth: 5:00 pm</p> <p>Family Quest: 5:00 pm</p>
<p>Welcome visitors! Please fill out a welcome card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.</p>	<p>Tuesday: GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom</p>
<p>Next Sunday, February 1st, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Please take some time over the coming week to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind by reading and meditating on one of the following Scripture passages: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 32; Psalm 51; Isaiah 53; or John 6:25-59. In this way, God renews and knits us together as His chosen people.</p>	<p>Wednesday: Men's Bible Study: 6:00 am, Conference Room</p>
<p>Please make plans to join us next Sunday, February 1st, for a covered-dish fellowship luncheon. This is an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends, and neighbors to Bethel, not only to enjoy a wonderful meal but also to get to know us as a congregation. Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side, main dish, or dessert to share with the body.</p>	<p>Senior Citizens Lunch: 12:00 pm, FLC. Please bring a covered dish.</p>
<p>Bethel family, for those interested, copies of the 2025 financial report are available for you in the vestibule/narthex. If you have any questions, please contact your shepherding elder or the church treasurer, DN Ken Long.</p>	<p>Thursday: Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building</p>
<p>In February, we're accepting nominations for the office of ruling elder and deacon. Please be praying about who you can nominate to these offices of service and leadership in our congregation.</p>	<p>Next Week at Bethel</p>
<p>We will be celebrating the birthdays of Fred Hallman and James McCarter next Sunday, February 1st. Please bring a card for each of them.</p>	<p>Youth Committee Meeting: Sunday, February 1, 4:00 pm</p>
	<p>Youth: Sunday, February 1, 5:00 pm</p>
	<p>Men of the Covenant: Monday, February 2, 6:30 pm, FLC.</p>
	<p>Circle #1: Tuesday, February 3, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor</p>
	<p>GriefShare: Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom</p>
	<p>Diaconate Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 pm, Conference Room</p>
	<p>Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, February 4, 6:00 am, Conference Room</p>
	<p>Mentors & Moms: Thursday, February 5, 9:30 am, Education Building</p>

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Kay Jackson, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoine, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, 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.
- Engaging Disability with the Gospel: a ministry focusing on integrating individuals with disabilities into church communities by providing resources and coaching. They remind us that every child, teen, and adult with a disability can grow in Christ through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service. This is vital because every Christian has been given gifts that are needed to make the church body complete, a place where everyone thrives together.
- Pastor Michael Lee and core group at **Indian Land Presbyterian Church-Mission**, 6549 Gopher Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 370-9953.