



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!

*To be a follower of the Crucified means,
sooner or later, a personal encounter with the cross.
And the cross always entails loss.*

Elisabeth Elliott

**The LORD's Day
Communion Sunday, February 8, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.*

Psalm 86:12

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Romans 5:2

*Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand,
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Adoration

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

Psalm 113 ESV

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

**People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

Pastor: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

**People: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far
down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts
the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of
his people.**

*All: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.
Praise the LORD!*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*Refrain*)

***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.*

¹When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,

²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.

³Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

⁶And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

⁷So the Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."

⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

¹⁰And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹²And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.

¹³And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Malachi 3:2-3 ESV

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:5-7 ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

all I have needed thy hand hath provided -

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*Refrain*]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*Refrain*]

Q. 171. How do we prepare to receive the Lord's supper?

A. Preparation for the Lord's supper involves careful examination: of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in Him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers. We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us. We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience. Finally, we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

Q. 172. Should those who have doubts about their being in Christ or about whether they are ready to take communion come to the Lord's supper anyway?

A. Those who have doubts about their position in Christ or about their readiness to take communion may nonetheless have a valid interest in Christ, even though they are not yet assured of being in Him. In God's view, if such people are aware of and grieved by their lack of assurance, sincerely want to be found in Christ, and want to get away from sinning, and (since promises are involved in the sacrament, and it has been established to aid even weak and doubting Christians) if people in that condition are truly sorry for their lack of faith and work hard to resolve their doubts, they may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, so that their faith may be further strengthened.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 54:6-7 ESV

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

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 New Testament Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1205)

The Sermon

The Ministry of Christ

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. Christ's _____ (v.18)

- A. While the high priest _____ the Most Holy Place once a year to sprinkle blood on the mercy seat as an atonement for the sins of the nation, Jesus suffered for the sins of His _____ once for all.

Hebrews 9:26b But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

- B. Since He was without sin, Christ's suffering was _____.

1 John 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

II. Christ's _____ (v. 19-20)

- A. Following His _____, death, and burial, the Holy Spirit _____ Jesus from the dead on the third day.

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

- B. The Spirit of Christ _____ through the actions and words of Noah to his _____.

III. Christ's _____ (v. 21)

- A. Baptism is a _____ of the shed blood of Christ that _____ the believer from sin.

B. The _____ of saving faith comes to God's people via the Holy Spirit because Jesus has risen from the _____.

IV. Christ's _____ (v. 22)

A. Jesus _____ to bring His people to where He now lives and _____ at the right hand of the Father.

B. Having _____ the forces of Satan and his cohorts, Christ defeated them and proclaimed His _____ over them.

Colossians 2:15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: preached, dead, entered, resurrection, reigns, generation, people, disarmed, suffering, symbol, triumph, undeserved, session, cleanses, crucifixion, preaching, gift, died, raised.

***The Preparation Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb (vs. 1-2)”

Townend & Getty

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

The Distribution of the Elements

Please hold the elements when received that we may all partake at the same time.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Closing Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb (vs. 3-4)”

Townend & Getty

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

And so, with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
*As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

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	Rebecca Wallace and Kim Britt	Laura Clinton, Macie Clinton, and Mandy Wynkoop	Isak Siemens and Amanda Brummett
Next Week	Meredith Clinton, Brenna Clinton, and Jane McCall	Brittany Neely and Cheri Jackson	Cullie Mounts and Morgan Brown

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 Julie Marsh! Happy birthday this week to Wes Jackson on 2/9; Helen Bean on 2/10; and Jason Payne, Kaelin Clinton, and Trinna Meek on 2/14.

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

The deacons fund will be received this morning following the worship service. Please consider giving generously to this vital ministry to those in need in our congregation and community.

This morning, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together as a church family. All communing members of Bethel and all visitors with us this morning who are baptized members in good standing of another evangelical church are encouraged to use the worship service to examine themselves in preparation for the wonderful means God has given us to draw closer to Him and to one another as His people.

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.

Interested in learning more about Bethel Presbyterian Church or becoming a member? Our new member's class begins on Sunday, March 1st. The meetings occur during the Sunday school hour in the Family Life Center. If you plan to attend, please get in touch with Pastor Chris at chris.donnelly@bethelchurchpca.com or 443.841.2985 or the church office.

Soon, we will be collecting needed items and monetary donations for Palmetto Women's Center. Please be on the lookout for an email from Seth Neely with more details.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Joint Officers Meeting: 2:00 pm, FLC

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: 3:00 pm, Renee Nix's home

Circle #2: 3:30 pm, Ladies SS Classroom

Youth: 6:00 pm, Donnelly's home

Monday:

Men of the Covenant: 6:30 pm, FLC

Circle #3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday:

Circle #1: 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

Men's Bible Study: 6:00 am, Conference Room

Colleen Riddle Circle: 11:00 am, Education Building

Thursday:

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: Sunday, February 15, 4:00 pm, basement

Youth: Sunday, February 15, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, February 17, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Men's Trap Shoot and Supper: Saturday, March 7, 3:00 pm, Flying King Ranch, 1546 Chester Hwy, York. Guest speaker will be Zach Hollins, intern at Indian Land PCA. Bring yourself, a friend, camping chair, shotgun, and ammo or \$5 to cover the cost of shells.

Wedding Shower: WIC is hosting a drop-in shower for Parker Dooley and her fiancé, Brandon Isenhour, on Sunday, March 15th. The shower will be in the Family Life Center from 2:00-3:30 pm.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt
- God's discernment and understanding: as we seek His will moving forward as a congregation about how to reach Clover and York County with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would help us to show His mercy and grace to our spouse and children each time they need it and not bring up past hurts or failures.
- Pastor Chip McArthur, the staff, session, and congregation at **Olivet Presbyterian Church**, 159 Church Street, McConnells, SC 29726, (803) 693-4040.