



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!

*There can be no better evidence
of the Spirit of Christ in us than
to love the image of Christ in others.*

Matthew Mead

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

Psalm 103:13

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Galatians 5:24

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Adoration

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

1 Chronicles 16:23-34 ESV

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

People: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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.*

¹Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east. And it was shut. ²And the Lord said to me, "This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it, for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it. Therefore it shall remain shut. ³Only the prince may sit in it to eat bread before the Lord. He shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way."

⁴Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord. And I fell on my face. ⁵And the Lord said to me, "Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I shall tell you concerning all the statutes of the temple of the Lord and all its laws. And mark well the entrance to the temple and all the exits from the sanctuary. ⁶And say to the rebellious house, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O house of Israel, enough of all your abominations, ⁷in admitting foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, to be in my sanctuary, profaning my temple, when you offer to me my food, the fat and the blood. You have broken my covenant, in addition to all your abominations. ⁸And you have not kept charge of my holy things, but you have set others to keep my charge for you in my sanctuary.

⁹"Thus says the Lord God: No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and flesh, of all the foreigners who are among the people of Israel, shall enter my sanctuary. ¹⁰But the Levites who went far from me, going astray from me after their idols when Israel went astray, shall bear their punishment. ¹¹They shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slaughter the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before the people, to minister to them. ¹²Because they ministered to them before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity to the house of Israel, therefore I have sworn concerning them, declares the Lord God, and they shall bear their punishment. ¹³They shall not come near to me, to serve me as priest, nor come near any of my holy things and the things that are most holy, but they shall bear their shame and the abominations that they have committed. ¹⁴Yet I will appoint them to keep charge of the temple, to do all its service and all that is to be done in it.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Trusting ourselves to the grace of God, let us confess our sin before God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do.

Forgive us for our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our righteousness. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 118:4-5, 14 ESV

Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free! The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Children of God, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify:
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requires, is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

***The Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 22:1,7 – Concerning Lawful Oaths and Vows

We believe that lawful oaths are part of religious worship. On proper occasions, believers may solemnly swear and call God to witness that what they assert or promise is true, and they may ask God to judge them according to the truth or falsehood of what they swear.

No one may vow to do anything forbidden in the Word of God, anything hindering a duty commanded in the Word, or anything not in his own power, which he has neither the ability nor warrant from God to perform. In this respect, monastic vows of perpetual celibacy, professed poverty, and consistent obedience do not perfect us but are actually superstitious, sinful traps, in which no Christian should entangle himself.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 51:16-17 ESV

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

The Offertory Anthem

***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 4:1-6 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1205)

The Sermon

Thinking Like Jesus

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. Living in the _____ – thinking like _____ (v. 1-2)

A. To survive _____ faithfully, we must ready ourselves by
_____ the mind of Christ.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

B. No matter how much _____ we've left here on earth, as believers, we are to live
_____ for the Lord as long as life endures.

II. Living in the _____ – acting like a _____ (v. 3-4)

A. The past is where our _____ in this kind of activity belongs because deferred holiness is _____.

B. Unbelievers are _____ that Christians do not join in what they consider normal cultural behavior and respond with _____.

III. Living for the _____ – coming _____ (v. 5-6)

A. The _____ “give account” is courtroom language referring to the _____ judgment

Matthew 12:36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak.

B. Peter is reminding us that _____ aims to prepare humans for the day when they stand before God’s _____ seat and explain their choices.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: time, future, tolerance, persecution, disobedience, judgment, fervently, surprised, Christ, criticism, past, judgment, developing, phrase, Gentile, final, present, evangelism.

***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	Meredith Clinton, Brenna Clinton, and Jane McCall	Brittany Neely and Cheri Jackson	Cullie Mounts and Morgan Brown
Next Week	Ann Carol Love and Harper Harvell	Peggy Long, David Long, and Beth Jackson	Lindsey Hall and Ruth McCormick

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 Lindsay LeMoyne and Tom Chidester on 2/16; Aaron Harvell and Scott Price on 2/17; Garrett Hall on 2/18; Griffin Marsh on 2/19; and Charlotte Jackson and Spencer Forrest on 2/21.

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

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. Nomination forms are available on the website, in the vestibule, or outside the office.

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.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, basement

Youth: 5:00 pm

Tuesday:

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

Next Week at Bethel

Family Quest: Sunday, February 22, 5:00 pm,

Youth: Sunday, February 22, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, February 24, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, February 25, 12:00 pm, FLC

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, February 26, 9:30 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

A Celtic Celebration: Internationally acclaimed Irish artist, Colm Keegan, will be at the Clover School District Auditorium on Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 pm. It will be a special event of music, heritage, and community. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the door. Proceeds will go to support Clover's Performing Arts program.

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. CSF BBQ food truck will be serving chicken, ribs, pulled pork, and sides.

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 LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- Pray that we would be upright people: we would take delight in whatever delights God; willingly avoid whatever has an evil influence over us or those we care for; be known for the good we are for as well as the evil we are against.
- Women's Ministry: The Lord would use the WIC program, Mentors and moms, community groups, discipleship groups, and the circle ministry to build strong, loving relationships between the women of this congregation; that the women of Bethel would feel the loving embrace of Almighty God and find places of service in our congregation and community.
- Pastor Jason Anderson, the session and congregation at **Hopewell Presbyterian Church**, 1571 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1066.