



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!

*The grace the Bible talks about is power
not just for justification but also for transformation.*

Jared Wilson

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, March 22, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Psalm 99:5

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Adoration

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

Psalm 89:1-7 ESV

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Pastor: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

All: For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:

How great thou art! How great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [*Refrain*]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [*Refrain*]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [*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.

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." ¹⁹So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

Confession

The Call to Confession

1 Thessalonians 5:15-19 ESV

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

The Responsive Confession of Sin

Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Leader: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 ESV

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Q. 91. What does God require of human beings?

A. God requires human beings to obey his revealed will.

Q. 92. In the beginning what did God reveal for humans to obey?

A. In his innocence, it was revealed to Adam and all humanity in him that he must obey the moral law in addition to a special command not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Q. 93. What is the moral law?

A. The moral law is the declaration of God's will for humanity, directing and binding every human being to conform to and obey it personally, completely, and perpetually. The moral law applies to the whole human, body and soul, and includes the performance of all those obligations to God and our fellow humans to be holy and righteous. God promised life for keeping it and threatened death for disobeying it.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 ESV

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

***The New Testament Reading**

Romans 12:1-2 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1126)

The Message

Transformation unto Obedience

Mr. Matthew Clay

Sermon Notes:

***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 Blessing**

***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.*

	<i>Infants (0-2)</i>	<i>Toddlers (2-4)</i>	<i>Worship Training (5-7)</i>
Today	Sheridan & Carter Miller and Trinna Meek	Jessica McMullen and Kim Britt	Johna Griesman and Cullie Mounts
Next Week	Beth Jackson and Cindy Love	Laura & Macie Clinton and Kristine DeRousse	Rebecca Wallace and Kyla Ferguson

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 Miles Robinson! Happy birthday this week to McInnis Brown on 3/23; Colby Gilham on 3/24; Ellie Rose Austin on 3/25; and Brent Clinton, Maxie McCarter, Rob Long, and Trevor Love on 3/28.

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

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, Picnic Shelter

Youth: 5:00 pm

Tuesday:

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

Senior Citizens Lunch: 12:00 pm, FLC

Thursday:

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Annual Family Easter Celebration: Sunday, March 29, 4:30-6:30 pm. Please join us for a great time of fellowship, the Easter story, an egg hunt, and a dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers. Use the link below to sign up to bring sides and condiments for dinner, as well as gift cards for our youth! We will also be collecting pre-filled eggs for the egg hunt. You may drop these off in the labeled box in the vestibule. All gift cards may be given to Isak. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944ABA-C2AAAF58-62769692-bethel>

GriefShare: Tuesday, March 31, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, April 2, 9:30 am, Education Building

Community Event

Community Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 5. We are joining with local churches to invite the community to gather at 7:00 a.m. at the grassy point beside the boat launch next to Papa Doc's (formerly T-Bones). Please bring a lawn chair.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Johna Griesman, 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, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- Spiritual revival: the Holy Spirit would bring a move of conviction and salvation upon communities of cultural influence; God will pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would help us to walk in forgiveness and never lose sight of the fact that He has forgiven us, that He would help us to see our own flaws and mistakes, and make the adjustments in our hearts that allow us to reflect Him to one another.
- Pastor Greg Marshall, the session, and congregation at **Temple Presbyterian Church**, 1105 N. Beersheba Road, Clover, SC 29745-0733, (478) 365-4032.