



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Mission

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

## Welcome to Bethel!

*The Scriptures are the lifeline God throws us  
in order to ensure He and we stay connected  
while the rescue is in process.*

*J.I. Packer*

**The LORD'S Day  
Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.*

***Psalm 118:26***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Zechariah 9:9**

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Adoration

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

Isaiah 12:1-6 ESV

*Pastor: You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.*

**People: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation."**

*Pastor: And you will say in that day: 'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.*

**People: Sing praises to the Lord for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.**

***All: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."***

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present:  
to thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

**\*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.*

<sup>1</sup>And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. <sup>3</sup>Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. <sup>4</sup>Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the Lord your God.

<sup>5</sup>“When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. <sup>6</sup>It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. <sup>7</sup>If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, <sup>8</sup>and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from his people.

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

<sup>15</sup>“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Numbers 23:19-20 ESV

*God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it? Behold, I received a command to bless: he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it. Therefore, disciples of Jesus, let us confess our sins to God.*

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

**Lord, You are our good shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we still are tempted to trust our own works. You are with us, but we still fear and do not believe Your promises of protection.**

**Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy so that we may truly believe that You will be with us until the end of our days. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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

### **The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18-19 ESV

*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life.  
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain:*

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him the Lord of love,  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price,  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! [*Refrain*]

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true,  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us, and be our steadfast light,  
And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ! [*Refrain*]

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds.  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Collection

**\*The Offertory Scripture**

Proverbs 3:5-6, 9-10 ESV

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.*

**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 5:12-14 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 1206)

**The Sermon**

*Final Thoughts*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in His Word (v. 12)
  - A. As a trusted brother, Silas could help \_\_\_\_\_ the letter he carried to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Asia Minor.
  - B. The Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ the gracious truth of God which we need to believe and applies that truth to our daily \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in His People (v. 13)
  - A. Like ancient Babylon, \_\_\_\_\_ was the center of both earthly power and \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of God.

B. Before Peter's death in Rome, Mark \_\_\_\_\_ the Apostle's first-hand version of the \_\_\_\_\_ and message of Jesus.

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the Church (v. 14a)

A. Having \_\_\_\_\_ with both Paul and Peter, Silas and Mark demonstrate loving unity for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Kingdom of God.

B. As \_\_\_\_\_, we are to make our affection for the people of God \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God in Christ (v. 14b)

A. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ we enjoy having been redeemed by the Lord Jesus Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ with God and one another.

B. Neither the \_\_\_\_\_ of the lion nor the flames of persecution can overthrow the shalom of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

*John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

### **Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** Rome, interpret, Christians, opposition, fellowship, known, recorded, congregations, benefits, life, peace, proclaim, ministered, roar, grace, sake, salvation, activities, love, peace.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

**\*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.*

	<i>Infants (0-2)</i>	<i>Toddlers (2-4)</i>	<i>Worship Training (5-7)</i>
<b>Today</b>	Beth Jackson and Cindy Love	Laura & Macie Clinton and Kristine DeRousse	Amanda Brummett and Kyla Ferguson
<b>Next Week</b>	Emily Donnelly and Ann Marsh	Amanda Brummett and TBD	Brittany Neely and Kathy Donnelly

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 Joey Mounts! Happy birthday this week to Daisy Jerome, Linda Ferster, and Steve Britt on 3/30; James Weatherby on 3/31; Dan Love and Rev. Chris Donnelly on 4/1; Bricen Krashner on 4/2; and Casey Forrest, Joy McCarter, and Maggie McCarter on 4/4.

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

Barbara Love would like to extend her deepest gratitude to everyone that sent cards, provided food, and prayed for her after her recent surgery.

### **This Week at Bethel**

#### **Sunday:**

**Annual Family Easter Celebration:** Our annual Family Easter Celebration is today from 4:30-6:30 pm. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for fellowship, the Easter story, an egg hunt, and a dinner of hot dogs and hamburgers.

#### **Tuesday:**

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

#### **Wednesday:**

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

#### **Thursday:**

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

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**Men of the Covenant:** Monday, April 6, 6:30 pm, FLC

**Circle #1:** Tuesday, April 7, 10:30 am, Ladies' Parlor

**Diaconate Meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 pm

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 am, Conference Room

**Colleen Riddle Circle:** Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 am, Education Building

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

### **Community Event**

**Community Easter Sunrise Service:** Next Sunday, April 5. We are joining with local churches to invite the community to gather at 7:00 am 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, Volney Jerome, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyné, 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.
- Pray that we would be people who practice godly self-restraint: we would model good works at home, at work, and in our neighborhood; have control over our passions; live according to the New Testament's ethical commands so that God will be glorified.
- GriefShare: a support group ministry for those grieving the loss of a loved one in our congregation and community. Through this 13-week program, individuals are equipped to understand the complex emotions associated with grief and learn helpful ways to cope with them. Please praise God for our committed ministry leaders and pray for the fruitfulness of the ministry.
- Pastor Rick Wheeler and the congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Great Falls Highway, Chester, SC 29706, (803) 385-5724.