



Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our
Changing Community*

Organized 1764

Our Vision

Joyfully obeying the Great Commandments
by obediently living the Great Commission.

Welcome to Bethel!

*Humility is the only soil in which true unity can grow.
Only when Christ is more precious to us
than our own reputations, will we give up
our petty rivalries and personal agendas. Only when his glory
eclipses all else will we live for his cause and no other.*

Michael Reeves

***The LORD'S Day
Homecoming Sunday, June 1, 2025***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

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

Psalm 113:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Adoration

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

Psalm 9:1-11 ESV

Pastor: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

People: When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

Pastor: You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

People: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***The Invocation and 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.

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed.

¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins.

²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.”

²¹And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the LORD.”

²²Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”

²³He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD, the God of Israel.”

²⁴And the people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.”

²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the Book of the Law of God. And he took a large stone and set it up there under the terebinth that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.

²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, “Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD that he spoke to us. Therefore it shall be a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God.”

²⁸So Joshua sent the people away, every man to his inheritance.

Confession

The Call to Confession

James 4:6-7 ESV

But He gives more grace. Therefore, it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Christians, let us confess our sins to Almighty God

The Responsive Confession of Sin

Pastor: Our lips are ready to confess,

People: But our hearts are slow to feel, and our wills are reluctant to repent.

Pastor: We bring our entire selves to You, this morning –

People: Bend us, wound us, and, if necessary, break us.

Pastor: We have seen the purity of Your perfect word, the happiness of those in whose heart it reigns, the calm dignity of the walk to which it calls –

People: Yet we daily violate its precepts.

Pastor: Your loving Spirit strives within us, brings us Scripture warnings, speaks in startling providences, allures by secret whispers –

People: Yet we make shameful choices that grieve Him and quench His influence.

Pastor: We mourn and lament these sins, crying to You for pardon.

People: Grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the goodness and glory of our Savior and His cross.

The Silent Confession of Personal Disobedience

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 145:8-9 ESV

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Saints of God, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks**

“10,000 Reasons”

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Refrain)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come.

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(Refrain)*

***The Confession of Faith**

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 16:1, 2 - Concerning Good Works

We believe that good works are only those works identified as good by God and commanded by Him in His holy word. They do not include other works, no matter how well-intentioned in design or zealously promoted by men.

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believer's silence criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies -- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer

***The New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 6:21-24 ESV
(pew Bible p. 1163)

The Sermon

Closing Greetings

Pastor Chris Donnelly

I. The _____ of the letter (vs. 21-22)

A. A native of _____ (Acts 20:4), Tychicus accompanied Paul to Jerusalem at the close of his _____ missionary journey.

B. In noting that he was a _____ brother, Paul identifies Tychicus as a fellow believer who, like all Christians, is _____ by God.

C. Knowing him to be _____, Paul sent Tychicus to the saints to update them on the apostle's status and _____ their hearts.

II. The _____ to end the letter (vs. 23-24)

A. A _____ is simply an expression of hope and encouragement to God's people to _____ whatever their future might hold.

B. The _____ to which the apostle is referring here is _____ among brothers.

C. As His children, God _____ us from before the foundation of the world; thus, we are to love our Savior with the same _____ love.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: peace, beloved, benedictions, bearer, unceasing, faithful, benediction, Asia, loved, face, third, harmony, encourage, loved.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Trinity Hymnal #570

Faith of our fathers! living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear God's glorious Word:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great pow'r shall draw all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God his people shall indeed be free:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how by witness true and virtuous life:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

***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	Jessica McMullen and Nathalee Cuffman	Marissa Robinson and Sylvia Price	Abby Chidester and Rebecca Wallace
Next Week	Lindsey Hall and Grace & Pavlina Benes	Abby Chidester and Ilse Wallace	Amanda Brummett and Danielle Austin

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 Ashley Frommel, Ben Ferguson, and James McCarter! Happy birthday this week to Ella Griesman and John Gess on 6/2; Jane McCall and Jordan Austin on 6/4; and George Brackett on 6/6.

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 in the vestibule following morning worship today.

We would like to extend our condolences to Linda Ferster with the passing of her mother, Lois Baker.

This Week at Bethel

Today:

Please join us in the FLC following worship for a covered-dish luncheon and fellowship. All are welcome!

Bethel Cemetery Association meeting, 2:15 pm, Sanctuary

Tuesday:

Circle # 1, 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

GriefShare, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 pm, FLC Conference Room

Wednesday:

GriefShare, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Next Week at Bethel

Session Meeting: Sunday, June 8, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Circle # 2: Sunday, June 8, 3:30 pm, second room on right in Education Building

Circle # 3: Monday, June 9, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Colleen Riddle Circle: Wednesday, June 11, 11:00 am, FLC

GriefShare: Wednesday, June 11, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Bethel Youth Group News

Summer Kick-off: Today at Chris and Ilse Wallace's home, 6:00-8:00 pm. We will be welcoming our new youth, celebrating our graduates, and kicking off the summer youth group!

Pool Day: Sunday, June 8, 5:00-8:00 pm, Wynkoops' home

No Youth: Sunday, June 15

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace.
- 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.
- Biblical Studies Released Time: a Bible-centered organization we support whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.
- Pastor Chris Sewell, the session, and congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 4421 Old Hickory Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 816-2660.