



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 Home!

*Contrary to our fears, human stupidity is not running
loose but is on the leash of God's sovereignty.*

Dale Ralph Davis

**The LORD'S Day
Homecoming Sunday, June 7, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!*

Psalm 47:6-7

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Deuteronomy 10:12-13

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today for your good?”

Adoration

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

Psalm 145:1-4, 8-11, 21 ESV

Pastor: ¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ²Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

People: ³Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Pastor: ⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

People: ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.

All: ²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

***The Hymn of Praise**

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Trinity Hymnal #100

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**

***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.*

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues,

¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,

²²and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Colossians 3:12-13 ESV

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Therefore, saints, let us confess our transgressions to the Lord and one another now.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

O Father, God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, heaven came to earth as a light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubts and renew our hope, so that we might receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 2:23-25 ESV

²³No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

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*]

***The Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Collection

The Offertory Scripture

Romans 8:31-32 ESV

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

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 Old Testament Reading**

Nehemiah 4:13-23 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 471)

The Sermon

Building Opposition – Part 2

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. Preparation for _____ (v. 13-14)
 - A. Seeing the _____, Nehemiah took definite action to _____ the people.
 - B. Proper planning always _____ a consideration of all the options.
 - C. Fear is best _____ by focusing on the sufficiency of _____.
- II. Organizing for _____ (v. 15-20)
 - A. There will always be _____ to the work of the Lord.
 - B. In God's sovereign _____, each of us has been gifted for and called to the task He's _____ for us.
 - C. We're called to work out our _____ with fear and trembling, but God the Spirit is the one who works in us both to will and to do of His good _____.
- III. Sacrificing for _____ (v. 21-23)
 - A. Leader and worker must stand _____ in their battles against the world, the flesh, and the _____.
 - B. His _____ that God would stand by the work to which He had called them set Nehemiah _____.

Psalm 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: God, risk, opposition, defense, adversary, design, protect, faith, planned, hostility, apart, salvation, includes, pleasure, unity, together, conquered.

***The Closing Song**

“O Church, Arise”

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O Church, arise, and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war—to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole, we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
and Christ will have the prize for which He died—an inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave,
this victory march continues 'til the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of His grace,
we hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in Glory.

***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>
Today	Jessica McMullen and Nathalee Cuffman	Marissa Robinson and Danielle Austin	Kathy Donnelly and Morgan Brown
Next Week	Ann Marsh and Kathy Compton	Abby Chidester and Ilse Wallace	Amanda Brummett and Laura Clinton

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 Ann Falls on 6/8; Boyd Brackett, Ilse Wallace, and Mandy Wynkoop on 6/9; Phyllis Richmond on 6/10; Christo Wallace on 6/11; and Steve Ferguson and Tim Marsh on 6/12.

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 Week at Bethel

Sunday

Homecoming: 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

Youth: 5:00 pm, Pelican's Snoballs

Monday

Circle#3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Wednesday

Colleen Riddle Circle: 11:00 am, Education Building

Thursday

Good Samaritians: 5:00 pm, FLC

Next Week at Bethel

Session Meeting: Sunday, June 14, 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Circle #2: Sunday, June 14, 3:30 pm, Ladies Sunday School Classroom

Middle School Youth: Sunday, June 14, 5:00 pm, Isak's house

VBS: Monday, June 15-Thursday, June 18, 8:45 am to 12:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- 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.
- Ministries of God's Word, of the sacraments, and of prayer: God's Word would go forth from the pulpit and lectern clearly; the Lord would use our efforts to make an impact in the lives of His people and in our community.
- Pastor Chris Sewell, the session, and congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 4421 Old Hickory Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 816-2660.