



# 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 growth of trees and plants takes place so slowly that it is not easily seen. Daily we notice little change. But, in course of time, we see that a great change has taken place. So it is with grace. Sanctification is a progressive, lifelong work. It is an amazing work of God's grace, and it is a work to be prayed for."*

*John Owen*

**The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, June 14, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*<sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Philippians 2:3-4**

*<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Adoration

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

Psalm 67:1-7 ESV

*Pastor: <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

**People: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

*Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.*

**People: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

*All: <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!*

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

*Refrain:*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (*Refrain*)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (*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.*

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

<sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

<sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

<sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’

<sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

<sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

<sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

<sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,

<sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

<sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’

<sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’

<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Hosea 6:6 ESV

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

*Hearing this, Bethel, let us confess our sins before the Lord our God.*

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

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ, you did not despise the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.**

**Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo; free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

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

#### **\*The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 12:2 ESV

*<sup>2</sup>“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.”*

*Children of God, receive the good news: in Christ alone, we are forgiven.*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.  
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*Q. 86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?*

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

*Q. 87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and impenitent ways?*

**A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like is going to inherit the kingdom of God.**

### Collection

#### **The Offertory Scripture**

Deuteronomy 8:18-19 ESV

*<sup>18</sup>You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup>And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.*

#### **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 Old Testament Reading**

Nehemiah 5:1-13 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 471)

**The Sermon**

*Stopping Oppression*

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The people \_\_\_\_\_ about ongoing abuses (v. 1-5)
  - A. The people were \_\_\_\_\_ the basic necessities of life leading to growing \_\_\_\_\_ on their families.
  - B. Because of the ongoing \_\_\_\_\_, the people were mortgaging \_\_\_\_\_ to buy food.
  - C. Some landowners were borrowing money to pay the \_\_\_\_\_ they owed to the Persian King for their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - D. Some Israelites were \_\_\_\_\_ other members of the covenant community in direct violation of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. The governor \_\_\_\_\_ the abuses (v. 6-11)
  - A. Nehemiah reacts to this list of grievances with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Proverbs 16:32* "It is better to be slow-tempered than famous; it is better to have self-control than to control an army."

- B. The governor \_\_\_\_\_ a public meeting to discuss the troubles facing the covenant \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. In keeping with what \_\_\_\_\_ tells us in Matthew 18, each of us must take the initiative to restore broken \_\_\_\_\_ in the body.

*Matthew 5:9* "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

- III. The people \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12-13)

- A. The governor had the \_\_\_\_\_ and officials take an oath to do what they had \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Nehemiah shook out his \_\_\_\_\_ as a prophetic warning against those who promised to do the right thing, but then later \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.

**Sermon Notes:**

**Answer Key:** taxes, relationships, lacking, nobles, land, promised, respond, garments, enslaving, failed, stress, command, corrects, anger, famine, arranges, complain, community, assets, Jesus.

**\*The Closing Hymn**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

*Trinity Hymnal #535*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

**\*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>	Ann Marsh and Kathy Compton	Abby Chidester and Ilse Wallace	Amanda Brummett and Laura Clinton
<b>Next Week</b>	Amanda Brummett and Kristine DeRousse	Kay Jackson and Stacie Brackett	Brittany Neely 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 this week to Mallory Cuffman and Rebecca Wallace on 6/15; Bobby Wallace, Jackson Love, and Luke Deal on 6/18; Kenny Gray on 6/19; and Mike Shively on 6/20.

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

2026 Couples' Conference at Redeeming Grace PCA. August 7 & 8, 2026. Cost is \$40 per couple. Registration closes on July 1, 2026.

Needed: Community and Discipleship Group Leaders. Summer is upon us, and fall is coming. Please prayerfully consider if God would have you lead a twice-monthly community group in your home or a weekly discipleship group. The time commitment is small, and the benefits are eternal. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Mark.

### **This Week at Bethel**

#### **Sunday**

**Session Meeting:** 2:00 pm, Conference Room

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

**Middle School Youth:** 5:00 pm, Isak's house

#### **Monday-Thursday**

**VBS:** 8:45 am-12:00 pm

#### **Tuesday**

**GriefShare:** 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**GriefShare:** Tuesday, June 23, 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 LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- 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.
- Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC): a local organization we support that provides a range of services to those in need. CAAC compassionately assists disadvantaged individuals living within the Clover School District, in varying degrees of need, with food, financial assistance, health services, and education.
- Pastor David Hall, the staff, session, and congregation at **Filbert Presbyterian Church**, 2066 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745-9777, (803) 684-6881.