



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!

*God will not protect you from anything
that will make you more like Jesus.*

Elisabeth Elliot

*The LORD'S Day
Sunday, July 6, 2025*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Psalm 47:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He 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?

Adoration

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Read Responsively)**

Psalm 97:1-12 ESV

Pastor: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.

Pastor: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Pastor: All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

People: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

All: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

***The Hymn of Praise “Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him”**

Trinity Hymnal #17

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee;
we would bow before thy throne:
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

***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.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Psalm 90:8 ESV

You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence. Therefore, Christians, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love, remember us, for you are good, O Lord.

For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame, for we take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 2:1-2 ESV

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***The Song of Thanks** “Sovereign Grace O’er Sin Abounding”

Sovereign grace o’er sin abounding! Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;
‘Tis a deep that knows no sounding; Who its breadth or length can tell?
On its glories, Let my soul for ever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, Bound by everlasting bands?
Once in Him, in Him for ever; Thus the eternal covenant stands.
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel’s hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, Long ere time its race begun;
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, Love so great, so rich, so free;
Say, while lost in holy wonder, Why, O Lord, such love to me?
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

***The Confession of Faith**

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.

Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried; He rose on the third day, ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment.

For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God’s wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Exodus 25:2 ESV

Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me.

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 Old Testament Reading**

Jonah 1:17-2:10 ESV
(pew Bible p. 920)

The Sermon

Saved By Grace

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. Jonah's _____ (1:17)
 - A. The word _____ indicates the Lord's power to accomplish his will and demonstrates His _____ over sea creatures.
 - B. The prophet had to _____ that God's purpose was serious and that His power extended far _____ the nation of Israel.
- II. Jonah's _____ (2:1-9)
 - A. The Lord's _____ not only speak to one another using biblical language but also to their Heavenly _____.
 - B. The _____ "but you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God" expresses praise _____ Yahweh's sovereign power.

C. While Jonah has not reached spiritual _____, we see his repentance and _____ in grace in this psalm.

III. Jonah's _____ (2:10)

A. The Lord ended His _____ for this fish by commanding it to release its awkward _____.

B. God alone affects _____ and enables liberation, both Jonah's and _____.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: release, learn, Father, assignment, deliverance, phrase, cargo, growth, beyond, salvation, appointed, recognizing, ours, petition, authority, children, maturity.

***The Hymn of Response**

“We Are God’s People”

Trinity Hymnal #355

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv’n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav’n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He will us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

***The Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

***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	Ann Marsh and Cindy Love	Jackie and Albert Krashner	Amanda Brummett and Kathy Donnelly
Next Week	Renee Nix and Beth Jackson	Drew and Morgan Brown	Johna Griesman and Ruth McCormick

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 Lindsay Bowman on 7/10; and John Clinton and Molly Wynkoop on 7/11.

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.

On Sunday, July 13, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Please take some time over the coming weeks to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind by reading and meditating on one of the following Scripture passages: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 32; Psalm 51; Isaiah 53; or, John 6:25-59. For in this way, God renews and knits us together as His chosen people.

This Week at Bethel

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Education Building, second room on right

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

Next Week at Bethel

Session Meeting: Sunday, July 13, 2:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 15, 6:30-8:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

GriefShare: Wednesday, July 16, 1:00-3:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Upcoming Events

WIC Joint Meeting: All women please join us on Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 pm. Bring a salad to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided by WIC council. Guest speaker is Mindy Robinson, *Created for a Purpose*. Please plan to bring your teen daughters or granddaughters.

New Song Concert: New Song, a group of choral performers from Geneva College, will be performing at Zion PCA on July 17 at 7:00 pm and Trinity PCA on July 18 at 6:30 pm. They are phenomenal acapella singers, who will perform a variety of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19). A special offering will be collected both evenings to help support their ministry. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Bethel Youth Group News

No Youth: Today

Middle School Youth Pool Day: Sunday, July 13, 6:00-8:00 pm, Cobles' home

Split Youth Group: Sunday, July 20

QR Code for Giving



Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Helen Bean, Laverne Beard, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Don Johnson, Bill Keller, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Betty Jo McCarter, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace.
- 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.
- Engaging Disability with the Gospel: a ministry focusing on integrating individuals with disabilities into church communities by providing resources and coaching. They remind us that every child, teen, and adult with a disability can grow in Christ through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service. This is vital because every Christian has been given gifts that are needed to make the church body complete, a place where everyone thrives together.
- Pastor Corey Lanier, the session, and congregation at **Salem Presbyterian Church**, 1907 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (706) 881-0192.