



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 to Bethel!

*Do not let us think of prayer as the coaxing or the conquering
of a reluctant friend, but rather as the confident appeal to One
who is always wise, and always willing to give us what is best for us.*

Theodore Cuyler

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, August 9, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 34:3

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

¹⁴if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Adoration

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

Psalm 149:1-4 ESV

Pastor: ¹Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

People: ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

All: ³Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! ⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

***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.*

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,

¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Psalm 32:10-11 ESV

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. ¹¹Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Let us confess our transgressions of God's holy commands.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 27:7-11 ESV

⁷Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Pardon**

1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Saints, the good news of the gospel is that in Christ alone, we are forgiven.

Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound –
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

***The Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 2:1 - Concerning God and the Holy Trinity*

We believe that there is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection. He is a completely pure spirit, invisible, without parts or emotions. He is unchangeable, boundless, eternal, and beyond our full understanding. He is almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, and most absolute. He works everything according to the purpose of his own unchangeable and most righteous will for his own glory. He is most loving, gracious, merciful, and long-suffering. He overflows with goodness and truth. He forgives wickedness, transgression, and sin, and rewards those who diligently seek Him. His judgments are completely just and awesome; He hates all sin and will not acquit the guilty.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Revelation 4:9-11 ESV

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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 9:22-37 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 476)

- I. God demonstrates His _____ (vs. 22-25)
 - A. God is always dedicated to His _____ even when we disobey ours.
 - B. Every prayer should begin with our _____, acknowledging who God is, then continue with _____ as we recognize what God has done for us.
- II. God demonstrates His _____ (vs. 26-31)
 - A. In their prayer, the Levites confessed the repeated _____ of prosperity, rebellion, judgment, repentance, deliverance, and peace which _____ the time of the Judges.
 - B. Times of _____ and disappointment still drive self-sufficient people into the _____ of our loving God.
- III. God demonstrates His _____ (vs. 32-37)
 - A. In their prayer, the Levites express _____ of God's greatness
 - B. These men also _____ His justice

Revelation 15:3 *And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!"*

- C. These servants of God _____ His faithfulness in spite of the past failure to _____ His Word

2 Chronicles 7:14 *If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: thanksgiving, patience, follow, pattern, covenant, marked, heartbreak, faithfulness, arms, promises, adoration, goodness, recognize, adoration.

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
but his smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey. (*Refrain*)

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

But we never can prove the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,
and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we will walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

***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	Rebecca Wallace and Jennifer Forrest	Nathalee Cuffman and Mandy Wynkoop	Isak Siemens and Amanda Brummett
Next Week	Jane McCall and Meredith & Brenna Clinton	Debra Kozak and Cheri Jackson	Kathy Donnelly and Ilse Wallace

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 Lola Jean Mounts! Happy birthday this week to Renee Nix on 8/10; Ed Hinkle on 8/14; and Brice Brackett and Henry Wynkoop on 8/15.

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

Bethel family, for those interested, copies of the second quarter financial reports are available for you in the vestibule/narthex. If you have any questions, please contact your shepherding elder or the church treasurer, DN Ken Long.

Saints, please prayerfully consider joining a community group this fall. Typically, these groups meet twice a month either on the 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th weeks. The goal of this ministry is to foster spiritual growth through honest conversations about the gospel and our lives. You can find out more about the available options on our website. If you have any further questions, please get in touch with Pastor Mark or Pastor Chris.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Joint Officers Meeting: 2:00 pm, FLC

Circle #2: 3:30 pm, Ladies SS Classroom

Youth: 5:00 pm

Young Men's Discipleship Group: 5:30 pm, Wynkoops' home

Monday

Circle #3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday

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

Colleen Riddle Circle: 11:00 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Kids' Quest: Sunday, August 16, 5:00 pm. Join us for Kids' Quest kickoff with pizza and a waterslide.

Youth: Sunday, August 16, 5:00 pm

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Young Women's Discipleship Group: Friday, August 21, see Savannah McCall or Debra Kozak for more information

Upcoming Evnts at Bethel

Mentors & Moms will begin meeting on Thursday, September 10, at 9:30 am in the Education Building.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Marianne Falls, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Mark Kozak, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- Visitors: God would give us eyes to see those singles, couples, and families we can invite to our congregation; we would be a warm, welcoming faith community where the love of Christ is freely shared and received.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would help us to show His mercy and grace to our spouse and children each time they need it and not bring up past hurts or failures.
- The staff, session, and congregation at **Olivet Presbyterian Church**, 159 Church Street, McConnells, SC 29726, (803) 693-4040.