



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!

*“You need a match to start a fire.
In going from embers to a flame,
prayer is the spiritual ‘oxygen’ that feeds the fire. “*

“Embers to a Flame”

*The LORD’S Day
Sunday, August 16, 2026*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

³⁰I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:30

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer

Genesis 16:13 ESV

¹³So she [Hagar] called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me."

Adoration

***The Call to Worship**

Leviticus 22:31-33 ESV

³¹"So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord.

³²And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. I am the Lord who sanctifies you,

³³who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord."

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all..

***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.*

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13 ESV

¹³Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalms 25:4-7, 11, 18, 20 ESV

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalms 51:7 ESV

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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 Heidelberg Catechism

Q & A 1

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. 1. That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

1 Chronicles 29:14 ESV

¹⁴“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

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**

Exodus 3:15-22 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 55)

The Sermon

The Message and The Messengers

Assistant Pastor Mark Kozak

Summary: God has defined not only His message to us, but also how His message gets to us.

I. 15-17 – God’s clearly defined message

II. 16 – God gives us His message, intending we give it to others

III. 18-20 – Some will listen, others will not

IV. 21-22 – God requires faith now, but will prove His message in His time

Application:

Sermon Notes:

***The Closing Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Trinity Hymnal #164

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean,
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***The Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***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	Jane McCall and Meredith & Brenna Clinton	Debra Kozak and Cheri Jackson	Amanda Brummett and Ilse Wallace
Next Week	Ann Carol Love and Kyla Ferguson	Kristine DeRousse and Peggy & David Long	Kathy Donnelly and Morgan Brown

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 James Long on 8/17; Kay Hallman on 8/18; Larry Wilmoth on 8/20; and Kampbell Hall on 8/21.

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

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to Lisa Allen and her family with the passing of her mom. Please know we are praying for you and your family.

More Biblical Studies Released Time volunteers are needed for this school year. Please see Mandy Wynkoop or Peggy Long if you are interested.

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

Kids' Quest Kickoff: 5:00 pm

Youth: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Friday

Young Ladies' Discipleship Group: see Savannah McCall or Debra Kozak for more details

Next Week at Bethel

Kids' Quest: Sunday, August 23, 5:00 pm

Youth: Sunday, August 23, 5:00 pm

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Acts of Love: Saturday, August 29, 10:00 am, FLC. See Brittany Neely, Laura Clinton, or Ilse Wallace for more details.

Upcoming Events 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: Craig Adams, Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Brent 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.
- Pray that we would be people who are respected by others: we would be known and respected by outsiders for our godly conduct and consistency of life, have a good reputation with neighbors, relatives, and colleagues, and be submissive to God's appointed authority.
- Women's Ministry: the Lord would use the WIC program, Mentors and moms, community groups, discipleship groups, and the circle ministry to build strong, loving relationships between the women of this congregation; that the women of Bethel would feel the loving embrace of Almighty God and find places of service in our congregation and community.
- Pastor Jason Anderson, the session and congregation at **Hopewell Presbyterian Church**, 1571 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730, (803) 324-1066.