



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!

*There is no work which God has made
—the sun, moon, stars and all the world—
in which so much of the glory of God appears
as in a man who lives quietly in the midst of adversity.*

Jeremiah Burroughs

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalm 106:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

***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.*

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

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

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

²⁰He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

²¹Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Romans 6:12 ESV

Do not let sin reign in your mortal body, so that you obey its desires. Knowing this, Bethel Church, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore you and praise your glorious name, for you alone are worthy of our worship.

Lord Jesus, as you taught your disciples to ask forgiveness for their sins and trespasses, we also humbly ask that you would forgive us for our sins, those we have committed and those things we have seen yet left undone. Thank you for not keeping a record of our wrongs or punishing us as our sins deserve.

Jesus, we thank you because you freely offered yourself, once for all, in payment of all of our sins, past, present, and future. We believe, help our unbelief and have mercy upon us, O Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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***The Song of Thanks “My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness”**

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My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly.
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So, I will give my life, my all, to love and follow Him.

***The Confession of Faith**

*The Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 19:6 Concerning the Law of God*

We believe that although true believers are not justified or condemned by the law as a covenant of works, the law is nevertheless very useful to them and to others. As a rule of life, it informs them of God’s will and of their obligation to obey it. It also reveals to them the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives, so that, examining themselves from its point of view, they may become more convinced of the presence of sin in them, more humiliated on account of that sin, and hate sin the more. Thus, they gain a better awareness of their need for Christ and for the perfection of his obedience. The prohibitions against sin in the law are also useful in restraining believers from pursuing the desires of their old nature, and the punishments for disobedience in the law show them what their sins deserve and what afflictions they may expect for them in this life, even though they have been freed from the curse threatened in the law.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Revelation 4:9-11 ESV

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the 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, "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 Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer

***The New Testament Reading**

1 Peter 3:8-12 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1205)

The Sermon

Living the Good Life

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. Having the right _____ (v. 8)
 - A. These _____ of a blessed life reflect the grace, love, and compassion Jesus _____ during His earthly ministry.
 - B. These _____ Peter lists reflect the glory of the bride of Christ when brothers and sisters live _____.
- II. Having the right _____ (v. 9)
 - A. Retaliation has no _____ in the life of a _____ of God.

Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

B. The _____ does not earn a blessing here; we _____ it.

III. Having the right _____ (v. 10-11)

A. Our _____ are the outward evidence of our inward _____.

B. Actively pursuing _____ from conflict and dissension demonstrate our _____ with Christ.

IV. Having the right _____ (v. 12)

A. Nothing _____ the sight of _____.

Hebrews 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

B. The Lord's holy _____ is against those who do evil by _____ His commands.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: freedom, believer, reaction, characteristics, union, motivation, inherit, place, virtues, escapes, benchmark, outlook, child, God, wrath, words, demonstrated, harmoniously, disobeying, nature.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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	Renee Nix and Brittany Neely	Drew & Morgan Brown and Emily Donnelly	Ilse Wallace and Kristine DeRousse
Next Week	Kathy Donnelly and Beth Stowe	Lindsay Hall and Cullie Mounts	Johna Griesman and Danielle Austin

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 Morgan Brown on 1/12;
Andrew Long and Tommy McCall, Jr. on 1/13;
Ezra Neely, Geri Ulatowski, and Jim Black on 1/15;
and Adam Riddle on 1/16.

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

Mary Love would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and visits over the holiday season.

In February, we're accepting nominations for the office of ruling elder and deacon. Please be praying about who you can nominate to these offices of service and leadership in our congregation.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

ILPC Session Meeting: 2:00 pm, Conference Room

Session Meeting: 3:00 pm, Conference Room

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

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, basement

Youth: 5:00 pm

Monday:

Circle #3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday:

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

Colleen Riddle Circle: 11:00 am, Education Building

Thursday:

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: Sunday, January 18, 4:00 pm, basement

Youth: Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, January 20, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, January 22, 9:30 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Senior Citizen's Lunch: Wednesday, January 28, 12:00 pm, FLC

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Kay Jackson, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- We would be temperate people: God would make us more like Christ and always obedient to Him; we would be able to enjoy the Lord's gifts without becoming enslaved to them; God would help us never relax our guard but always be vigilant.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would give us the strength to honor Him through our bodies, as they are the temple of the Lord, and wisdom to continuously build a healthy spiritual life and marriage with Him at the center.
- The session and congregation at **Salem Presbyterian Church**, 1907 Hickory Grove Road, Gaffney, SC 29340, (706) 881-0192.