



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!

*Making disciples is an act that calls for
embodied presence. It requires sharing our lives.
It demands we dive into the deep end
– even if we're not convinced we know how to swim.*

Drew Hill

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, March 8, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Psalm 150:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Matthew 5:11

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Adoration

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

Psalm 100 ESV

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

People: For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

***The Song of Praise**

“Jesus, I Come”

Sleeper & Thompson

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.*

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

14 As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—15 so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Confession

The Call to Confession

2 Thessalonians 3:13-15 ESV

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. So, let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy God, in the light of your holiness, we see ourselves as we really are, and we are ashamed. We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips; we think too highly of ourselves and too little of others. We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world that we cannot open our hands to receive blessings from above. Our feet follow the paths of sin; we wander so far astray that we become strangers to righteousness.

Forgive us, and set us again on the path that leads to life. Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy; not because we are worthy but because you are gracious. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 5:10-11 ESV

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***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**

Isaiah 55:1 ESV

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

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 New Testament Reading**

1 Peter 4:12-19 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1206)

- I. _____ suffering (v. 12)
- A. Knowing he still has _____ things to teach them, Peter wants the saints to know that both he and God _____ them.
- B. Suffering is simply part of a _____, _____ life.
- II. _____ in suffering (v. 13-14)
- A. Instead of looking _____ at our times of trial, Peter calls us to run to Jesus and _____ in Him.
- B. Suffering _____ for the sake of Christ is a powerful blessing because it serves as _____ that God the Spirit lives in us.
- Acts 5:41* Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.
- III. _____ suffering (v. 15-18)
- A. The _____ we face are not always because we are being _____ for our faith.
- B. At the time this letter was _____, the name Christian was used not as a term of endearment but to _____.
- IV. _____ _____ in suffering (v. 19)
- A. Our first _____ as believers is to _____ our lives to the Lord.
- B. We _____ our devotion to God in deeds of love and mercy towards our _____ and each other.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: abuse, difficult, evidence, trust, trials, love, persecuted, appraise, written normal, ridicule, God, responsibility, Christian, commit, delight, demonstrate, negatively, anticipate, neighbors, rejoice.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

Trinity Hymnal #586

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for 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.*

	Infants (0-2)	Toddlers (2-4)	Worship Training (5-7)
Today	Marissa Robinson and Cathy Robinson	Stacie Brackett and Brittany Neely	Peggy and David Long
Next Week	Abby Chidester and Kimberly Richards	Jessica McMullen and Renee Nix	Matt Clay and Amanda Brummett

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 Kix Gray, Paul D. Robinson, and Terry Burton on 3/9; Eva Nix and Willie Keller on 3/10; and Douglas McCarter on 3/13.

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

The family of Fred Hallman would like to thank Bethel Church for honoring Fred for his 90th birthday and for the kind words and beautiful cards.

We want to extend our sincere condolences to Albert Krashner and his family on the passing of his father. Please know that we are praying for you.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Session Meeting: 2:00 pm

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

Youth: 5:00 pm

Family Quest: 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

Wedding Shower: Sunday, March 15, drop-in 2:00-3:30 pm, FLC. WIC is hosting a drop-in shower for Parker Dooley and her fiancé, Brandon Isenhour. She is registered at giftful.com.

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group: Sunday, March 15, 4:00 pm, basement

Youth: Sunday, March 15, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 am, Conference Room

WIC Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, March 19, 9:30 am, Education Building

Good Samaritans: Thursday, March 19, 5:00 pm, FLC

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Community Easter Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 5. We are joining with local churches to invite the community to gather at 7:00 am at the grassy point beside the boat launch next to Papa Doc's (formerly T-Bones). Please bring a lawn chair.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Cary Grant, Johna Griesman, Charlotte Jackson, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- 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.
- Ministries of God's Word, of the sacraments, and of prayer: God's Word would go forth from the pulpit and lectern clearly; the Lord would use our efforts to make an impact in the lives of His people and in our community.
- Pastor Chris Sewell, the session, and congregation at **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 4421 Old Hickory Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 816-2660.