



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!

*God's way is sometimes different from man's way,
but it is always the best way.*

De Witt Talmage

**The LORD'S Day
Sunday, March 15, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

Psalm 95:6

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Psalm 23:1-3a

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

Adoration

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

Psalm 95:1-7 ESV

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Pastor: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

All: For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

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 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.*

¹The word of the Lord came to me:

²“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

³You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

⁴The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

⁵So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;

⁶they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

⁷“Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

⁸As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep,

⁹therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:

¹⁰Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

Confession

The Call to Confession

1 Peter 2:4-5 ESV

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Personal Transgressions

The Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. You are God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well
On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying, All must be well

***The Confession of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to 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 New Testament Reading**

1 Peter 5:1-11 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 1206)

The Sermon

Calling Willing Servants

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The _____ leadership of Christ's elders (5:1-4)
 - A. The elders _____ with Christ's suffering and glory.
 - B. The elders _____ to shepherd the flock.
 - i. The _____ of a shepherd.
 - ii. The _____ of a shepherd.
 - 1. _____ for the flock.
 - 2. _____ of the congregation.

Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

- 3. _____ of the members.

Matthew 18:15-16 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

- 4. _____ of the body.

- iii. The _____ of a faithful shepherd.

- II. The _____ service of Christ's People (5:5-11)

- A. In common _____

1 Corinthians 4:7 What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

B. In confident _____

C. In victorious _____

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: reward, method, service, fellowship, devotion, care, suffering, servant, protection, charge, discipline, humble, guidance, calling.

***The Closing Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Trinity Hymnal #529

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***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	Abby Chidester and Lindsey Hall	Judi Love and Renee Nix	Matt Clay and Amanda Brummett
Next Week	Sheridan & Carter Miller and Beth Jackson	Jessica McMullen and Kim Britt	Johna Griesman and Cullie Mounts

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 Conner Britt and Marshall Brackett! Happy birthday this week to Dolores Taylor on 3/16; Bailee Krashner and John Mizell on 3/18; Ann Marsh on 3/19; and Barbara Burns and Bill Whitesides on 3/21.

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

Below is a note from Palemtto Women's Center: Thank you for all the practical baby items that you donated to our center this month. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with you in giving the Gospel and life-affirming resources and support to families in our community. God continues to expand on ministries to moms and dads facing new pregnancies in challenging circumstances. We are blessed to have you standing with us in prayer for them and for your generosity in giving donations that demonstrate in a tangible way God's love and care for them.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday:

Wedding Shower: drop-in 2:00-3:30 pm, FLC

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

Youth: 5:00 pm

Tuesday:

GriefShare: 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday:

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

WIC Council Meeting: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday:

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Good Samaritans: 5:00 pm, FLC

Next Week at Bethel

Youth: Sunday, March 22, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, March 24, 1:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, March 25, 12:00 pm, FLC

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, March 26, 9:30 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Easter Celebration: Sunday, March 29, 4:30-6:30 pm

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 LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth, Diane Wyatt.
- We would be people who live a holy life: the Scriptures would be our standard for living; we would have an obvious desire to be like Jesus Christ; we would constantly and obviously battle against sin and seek to please God.
- Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC): a local organization we support that provides a range of services to those in need. CAAC compassionately assists disadvantaged individuals living within the boundaries of the Clover School District in varying degrees of need with food, financial assistance, health services, and education.
- Pastor David Hall, the staff, session, and congregation at **Filbert Presbyterian Church**, 2066 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745-9777, (803) 684-6881.