



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!

*“The grounds of your justification are the perfect works of Jesus Christ.
We’re saved by works, but they’re not our own.”*

R.C. Sproul

***The LORD’S Day
Sunday, May 3, 2026***

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

Greater love has no one than this - that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on John 4:14

Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again.

Adoration

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

Isaiah 12:1-6 ESV

Pastor: You will say in that day.

People: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation."

Pastor: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day.

People: 'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

All: Sing praises to the Lord for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

***The Hymn of Praise** "Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him" *Trinity Hymnal #17*

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
young and old, thy praise expressing,
in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee;
we would bow before thy throne:
as thine angels serve before thee,
so on earth thy will be done.

***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.*

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.

¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Proverbs 28:13/Acts 3:19 ESV

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Psalm 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**

2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

“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.” People of Bethel, know that God is faithful and just to forgive when we repent of sin.

***The Hymn of Thanks** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *Trinity Hymnal #345*

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode:
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint, while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?—
grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near:
thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

***The Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 21.8 - Of the Sabbath Day

Q: How do we keep the Sabbath holy?

A: This Sabbath is kept holy to the Lord when the people, after a due preparation of their hearts and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, not only observe a holy rest all day long from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are involved the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, as well as duties of necessity and mercy.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Luke 6:38 ESV

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back 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 Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer

***The New Testament Reading**

Exodus 3:1-6 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 54)

Summary: God calling us to His service is just the visible part of His redemptive work behind the scenes.

I. 3:1-6 In the _____ of Moses

II. 2:23-25 In the _____ of God

Applications:

***The Preparation Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb” (vs. 1-2)

Townend & Getty

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you - eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

The Distribution of the Elements

Please hold the elements when received that we may all partake at the same time.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***The Closing Hymn**

“Behold the Lamb” (vs. 3-4)

Townend & Getty

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
*So, we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.*

And so, with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
*As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.*

***The Benediction**

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.”

***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.*

	<i>Infants (0-2)</i>	<i>Toddlers (2-4)</i>	<i>Worship Training (5-7)</i>
Today	Jennifer Forrest and Brittany Neely	Cullie Mounts and Ann Falls	Abby Chidester and Savannah McCall
Next Week	Kim Britt and Cheri Jackson	Kathy Donnelly and Lee Coble	Danielle Austin 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 today to Lucia Benes! Happy birthday this week to Jordan Weatherby and Patsy Black on 5/4; Nicholas Whitesides on 5/8; and Cullie Mounts and Joy Payne on 5/9.

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

Thank you from Mentors & Moms to all who graciously provided breakfast and childcare.

The deacons fund will be received this morning following the worship service.

This morning, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together as a church family. All communing members of Bethel and all visitors with us this morning who are baptized members in good standing of another evangelical church are encouraged to use the worship service to examine themselves in preparation for the wonderful means God has given us to draw closer to Him and to one another as His people.

To celebrate Mother's Day, we are having a congregation-wide collection for Palmetto Women's Center on Sunday, May 10th. Please give generously in support of life.

Do you have a child interested in becoming a communicant member at Bethel? An 8-week communicants class is planned to begin on Sunday, May 17, during the Sunday school hour. If interested, please contact Pastor Chris with your child's name.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Congregational Luncheon: Join us following service, in the FLC, for a covered-dish fellowship luncheon.

Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, Picnic Shelter

Youth: 5:00 pm

Monday

Men of the Covenant: 6:00 pm, picnic shelter for a tour of the new building, cookout at 6:30 pm

Tuesday

Circle #1: 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor

Bethel Cemetery Association: Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Diaconate Meeting: 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Next Week at Bethel

Youth: Sunday, May 10, 5:00 pm

Circle #3: Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 am, Conference Room

Colleen Riddle Circle: Wednesday, May 13, 11:00 am, Education Building

Upcoming Events at Bethel

VBS: June 15-18, 8:45-11:45 am. Registration will open on May 11th.

Baccalaureate/Senior Send Off: Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm, Clover School District Auditorium. No tickets required. Sponsored by Clover Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Willie Keller, Joe LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Eck Miller, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- Pray that we would be hospitable people: we would be warm, friendly, and welcoming, opening our homes to friends and strangers alike; God would fill us with His Spirit so that our lives bear fruit through good deeds that benefit others.
- Engaging Disability with the Gospel: a ministry focusing on integrating individuals with disabilities into church communities by providing resources and coaching. They remind us that every child, teen, and adult with a disability can grow in Christ through worship, discipleship, fellowship, and service. This is vital because every Christian has been given gifts that are needed to make the church body complete, a place where everyone thrives together.
- Pastor Michael Lee and core group at **Indian Land Presbyterian Church - Mission**, 6549 Gopher Road, Lancaster, SC 29720, (803) 370-9953.