



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!

*Our culture tells us that the problem
is outside us and the solution is inside us.*

*The gospel tells us that the problem
is inside us and the solution is outside us.*

Dane Ortlund

The LORD'S Day
Sunday, May 17, 2026

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!*

Psalm 112:1

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Recognition of Seniors

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on 2 Corinthians 5:6-7

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Adoration

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

Psalm 9:1-11 ESV

Pastor: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

People: When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

Pastor: You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished.

People: But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

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.*

²³“All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

²⁵Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

²⁶For “the earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof.”

²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

²⁸But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—

²⁹I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience?

³⁰If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

³²Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

³³just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

Confession

The Call to Confession

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 ESV

For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore, whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. Hearing this, saints, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your Holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 106:10 ESV

“So, He saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.”

Bethel Church, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.

Chorus:

*I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for Promised Land,
I am bound, I am bound,
I am bound for Promised Land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. (*Chorus*)

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
and in His bosom rest? (*Chorus*)

***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

Matthew 6:2-4 ESV

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward 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**

Nehemiah 3:1-32 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 469)

The Sermon

Building the Wall

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. The man _____ the work
 - A. This chapter clearly _____ Nehemiah's extraordinary gifts of administration and _____.
 - B. Nehemiah _____ the labor for the convenience and _____ of those doing the work.
- II. The _____ of the work
 - A. The purpose of our lives as disciples is to _____ God.
1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
 - B. Scripture _____ us that God is not impressed with our labor alone, but that He wants our _____.
 - C. For it is in Christ alone that our _____ is found.
- III. The _____ as they work
 - A. It must be a _____ in the covenant community that leaders set an example worthy of _____.

B. God brings all kinds of people _____ to accomplish His work.

C. In every church, there will _____ be some who do more than others
and some who resist _____ at all.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: glorify, displays, always, reminds, people, working, heart, organization, hope, purpose, priority, organized, following, behind, together, motivation.

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand;
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv’n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav’n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He will us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire;
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

***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.*

	<i>Infants (0-2)</i>	<i>Toddlers (2-4)</i>	<i>Worship Training (5-7)</i>
Today	Meredith & Brenna Clinton and Mandy Wynkoop	Judi Love and Lindsey Hall	Rebecca Wallace and Morgan Brown
Next Week	Cathy Robinson and Lindsay Hoffman	Harper Harvell and Jenifer Riddle	Amanda Brummett and Becky Adams

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 Alyssa Harvey-Falls, Linda Johnson, and Shirley Coker! Happy birthday this week to Deke Cox on 5/19, Shannon Griesman on 5/20, Nick Jackson on 5/21, and Don McCarter, Harry Compton, and Peggy Long on 5/23.

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 express our sincere condolences to Sean Carrick and his family on the passing of Tammy. Please know that we are praying for all of you.

We want to extend our deepest condolences to Debra Kozak and her family on the recent passing of her sister. Please know that we are praying for you.

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Brenna Clinton, Macie Clinton, Cameron Miller, Jordan Weatherby, and Molly Wynkoop!

This Week

Sunday

Joint Officers Meeting: 2:00 pm, Sanctuary

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

Youth: 5:00 pm

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Wednesday

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

WIC Council Meeting: 6:30 pm, Ladies SS Classroom

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

Next Week at Bethel

Youth: Sunday, May 24, 5:00 pm

GriefShare: Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Senior Citizens Lunch: Wednesday, May 27, 12:00 pm, FLC

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Good Samaritans: Thursday, June 11, 5:00 pm, FLC

VBS: June 15-18, 8:45-11:45 am. Registration is open.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Matt Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, 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.
- 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.
- 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.