



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!

*Ultimately, churches grow and flourish
not by sales or business tactics, but by the power of God's Spirit
working through his word.*

Harold Senkbeil

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, July 12, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

Psalm 22:27-28

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Deuteronomy 4:31 ESV

³¹For the Lord your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

Adoration

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

Psalm 27:1-6 ESV

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

People: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

All: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills.
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right.
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me.
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
he is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band.
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well,
To God all praise and glory!

***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.*

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming.

⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Confession

The Call to Confession

Hebrews 2:18 ESV

¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Therefore, trusting in His mercy, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins that we remember; and the sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements, and when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have told others and the truths we have avoided. Forgive the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 8:12 ESV

¹² "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Children of God, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Love of God, revealed in wonder by the works of a Maker's hand;
Seas that roar with thund'rous splendor, fields that whisper at His command.
All the joys of life we cherish are God's gracious sign:
We are children of His promise, heirs of mercy and grace divine.
*Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.*

Love of God, revealed in frailty through the gift of a servant King;
Joy of Heaven robed in humility, Prince of Peace crowned with suffering.
Oh what grace, that calls humanity to kneel at the cross
And exchange our sin's futility for the joy of a Father's love.
*Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.*

Love of God, what priceless treasure over all this world affords;
To be His and His forever - this my glory and my reward!
May this love beyond all knowing, so capture my soul
That I'm filled to overflowing with a passion for Him alone!
*Unfailing love from Heaven's throne, that sought me out and brought me home;
My song of praise shall ever be: the Father's love for me.*

***The Confession of Faith**

1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16

We confess that there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory. Amen.

Collection

***The Offertory Scripture**

Isaiah 58:10 ESV

¹⁰if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

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 6:15-7:4 ESV
(Pew Bible p. 473)

The Sermon

Finishing the Job

Pastor Chris Donnelly

- I. _____ the Wall (v. 15-16)
 - A. God's _____ blessings are seen in the quick _____ of the project.
 - B. Israel's enemies feared that God would turn that country into a _____ nation threatening their financial and physical _____.
- II. _____ Issues (v. 17-19)
 - A. The words 'under oath' suggest that Tobiah and Jerusalem's nobles shared a _____.
 - B. Nehemiah's enemy was also related by _____ to key members of the community in Jerusalem.

III. Making _____ (v. 1-2)

A. Physical protection – _____

B. Spiritual protection – _____

C. Intellectual protection – _____

*True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. **Malachi 2:6-7***

D. Trustworthy _____ and _____ leadership for Jerusalem

IV. _____ Instructions (v. 3-4)

A. Nehemiah provided _____ for his chosen leaders to follow.

*“The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” - **Theodore Roosevelt***

B. The people most _____ to any project are those directly affected by the _____.

Sermon Notes:

Answer Key: Levites, trading, civic, providential, agreement, military, completing, marriage, guidelines, completion, giving, committed, key, powerful, results, appointments, ongoing, gatekeepers, security, singers.

***The Closing Hymn**

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Trinity Hymnal #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. [*Refrain*]

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought! –
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [*Refrain*]

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so" – it is well with my soul. [*Refrain*].

***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 and Morgan Brown & Kristine DeRousse	Rebecca Wallace and Ilse Wallace
Next Week	Shirley Brackett and Kathy Donnelly	Cullie Mounts and Lindsey Hall	Amanda Brummett and Savannah McCall

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 Amanda Brummett on 7/13; Albert Krashner on 7/15; Harper Harvell and Savannah McCall on 7/17; and Fred Hallman on 7/18.

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

Needed: Community and Discipleship Group Leaders. Summer is upon us, and fall is coming quickly. Please prayerfully consider if God would have you lead a twice-monthly community group in your home or a weekly discipleship group. The time commitment is small, and the benefits are eternal. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Mark.

Biblical Studies Released Time (BSRT) is seeking teachers and volunteers for the upcoming school year. BSRT offers Bible classes to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at eight Clover School District elementary schools. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ginger Bowman at (704) 460-4213 or Brett Brackett at (704) 860-2220.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

ILPC Session Meeting: 2:00 pm, Conference Room

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Youth Pool Party: 6:00 pm, Linders' home

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday

WIC Joint Supper: 6:30 pm, FLC. All women are invited to our annual Salad Supper. Sarah Ivill will be our guest speaker.

Next Week at Bethel

Youth Pool Party: Sunday, July 19, 6:00 pm, Ivies' home

GriefShare: Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

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, Mark Kozak, Joe LeMoyné, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, Scott Wallace, Norm West, Larry Wilmoth.
- We would be people who live holy lives: the Scriptures would be our standard for living; we would have a clear desire to be like Jesus Christ; we would constantly and openly battle against sin and seek to please God.
- Men's Ministry: God would use these efforts to build relationships between the men of the congregation; that the men of Bethel would feel loved by their Savior and find places of service in our congregation and community.
- Pastor Ben Thomas, the staff, and congregation at **Christ Ridge Presbyterian Church**, 1070 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708-7831, (803) 548-2020.