



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!

*“An apostolic church is one that preaches the Gospel
the apostles preached – the Gospel of the cross, and the empty tomb.
An apostolic church preaches Jesus Christ.”*

Philip G. Ryken

**The LORD's Day
Sunday, September 13, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6

Preparation

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Jeremiah 9:24 ESV

²⁴but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

Adoration

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

Psalm 40:1-4a ESV

Pastor: ¹I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Pastor: ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

People: ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust.

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, Our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

***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.*

³⁰“Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.

³¹When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight, and as he drew near to look, there came the voice of the Lord:

³²‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and did not dare to look.

³³Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.

³⁴I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.’

³⁵This Moses, whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ — this man God sent as both ruler and redeemer by the hand of the angel who appeared to him in the bush.

³⁶This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

³⁷This is the Moses who said to the Israelites, ‘God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.’”

Confession

The Call to Confession

Luke 5:12-13 ESV

¹²While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ¹³And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord, do not rebuke us in your anger or discipline us in your wrath. Your arrows have pierced us, and your hand has come down on us. Because of your wrath there is no health in our bodies; there is no soundness in our bones because of our sin. Our guilt has overwhelmed us like a burden too heavy to bear. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. Do not forsake us, O LORD! O God, be not far from us! Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation!! Amen.

The Silent Confession of Sin

***The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:12 ESV

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.
*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.
*This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

***The Confession of Faith**

Galatians 4:4-7 ESV

We confess that ⁴when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

⁶And because we are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So we are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 Message

The Pastoral Prayer

***The Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 4:1-17 ESV

(Pew Bible p. 55)

The Sermon

Slip, Sliding Away from God

Asst. Pastor Mark Kozak

I. Focus on our audience

II. Focus on our abilities

III. Focus on our desires

Applications:

***The Closing Hymn**

“Christ Shall Have Dominion”

Trinity Hymnal #439

Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
Earth's remotest regions shall his empire be;
they that wilds inhabit shall their worship bring,
kings shall render tribute, nations serve our King.

Refrain:

*Christ shall have dominion over land and sea,
earth's remotest regions shall his empire be.*

When the needy seek him, he will mercy show;
yea, the weak and helpless shall his pity know;
he will surely save them from oppression's might,
for their lives are precious in his holy sight. [*Refrain*]

Ever and forever shall his name endure,
long as suns continue it shall stand secure;
and in him forever all men shall be blest,
and all nations hail him King of kings confessed. [*Refrain*]

Unto God Almighty joyful Zion sings;
he alone is glorious, doing wondrous things.
Evermore, ye people, bless his glorious name,
his eternal glory through the earth proclaim. [**Refrain**]

***The Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14 ESV

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***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 Kimberly Richards	Jessica McMullen and Brittany Neely	Kathy Donnelly and Amanda Brummett
Next Week	Ilse Wallace and Beth Jackson	Judi Love and Debra Kozak	Amanda Brummett and Jenifer Riddle

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 Beth Stowe! Happy birthday this week to Travis Quinn on 9/14, Benjamin McCall on 9/18, and Brittany Neely on 9/19.

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

One way we celebrate our membership in this congregation is by doing life together. Our community groups are a multiplying and maturing ministry that fosters hospitality and spirituality as we share our highs and lows. If you are not currently involved in a group, you are missing this vital piece of the puzzle that God has given us to grow in the faith. So please check out the available groups on the website, contact the leader, and get involved today.

This Week at Bethel

Sunday

Session Meeting: 2:00 pm, Conference Room

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

Youth Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, Providence Classroom

Kids' Quest: 5:00 pm

Youth: 5:00 pm

Young Adult Community Group: 6:00 pm, see Ross Love for more information

Monday

Men of the Covenant: 6:30 pm, Linders' home, 16528 Plantation Woods Drive, Charlotte

Circle#3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

Tuesday

GriefShare: 6:00 pm, Covenant Classroom, stand-alone session

Finance Committee: 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Wednesday

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

GriefShare: 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

Thursday

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

Next Week at Bethel

Kids' Quest: Sunday, September 20, 5:00 pm

Youth: Sunday, September 20, 5:00 pm

Good Samaritans: **Tuesday**, September 22, 5:00 pm, FLC

Men's Bible Study: Wednesday, September 23, 6:00 am, Conference Room

GriefShare: Wednesday, September 23, 1:30 pm, Covenant Classroom

WIC Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 6:30 pm, Ladies Sunday School Classroom

Mentors & Moms: Thursday, September 24, 9:30 am, Education Building

Acts of Love: Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am for meal preparation and 11:30 am for delivery. See Brittany Neely, Ilse Wallace, or Laura Clinton for more details.

Prayer requests:

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Becky Adams, Craig Adams, Helen Bean, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Marianne Falls, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Charlotte Jackson, Volney Jerome, Joe LeMoyne, Barbara Love, Bobby Love, Mary Love, Joy McCarter, Maxie McCarter, Debbie Meek, Jenny Richards, Jackie Schropp, Kay Stewart, 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.
- Families and marriages: that the Lord would help us to walk in forgiveness and never lose sight of the fact that He has forgiven us, that He would help us to see our own flaws and mistakes and make the adjustments in our hearts that allow us to reflect Him to one another.
- Pastor David Hall, the staff, session, and congregation at **Filbert Presbyterian Church**, 2066 Filbert Highway, York, SC 29745-9777, (803) 684-6881.