



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Vision

Joyfully obeying the Great Commandments  
by obediently living the Great Commission.

## Welcome to Bethel!

*“Love is not maximum emotion. Love is maximum commitment.”*

*-Sinclair B. Ferguson*

*The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, April 12, 2026*

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*"The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.*

Exodus 23:19

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Hebrews 2:7-8**

*You made [Christ] for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet."*

Adoration

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

Psalm 56:1-3 ESV

*Pastor: Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me.*

**Congregation: My enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly.**

*Unison: When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*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.*

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"

14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### Confession

#### **The Call to Confession**

Matthew 5:16-17 ESV

Matthew 5:16 ... *let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.*

People of God, let us confess the forbidden things we have done, and the commanded things we have not done.

## The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father most high, most glorious, we come to You as sinners, full of sorrows, defiance, and discouragement. We confess our sins, and leave every concern, every transgression calling for Christ's precious blood, entirely to You. Revive deep love and commitment in our hearts; let us live near the great Shepherd, hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls. Keep us from deception by causing me to abide in the truth, from harm by helping us to walk in the power of the Spirit. Give us more intense faith in the eternal truths, burning into us by experience the things we know; let us never be ashamed of the truth of the gospel, that we may bear its reproach, vindicate it, see Jesus as its essence, and know in it the power of the Spirit.

Lord, help us, for we are often lukewarm and unbelief mars our confidence. Sin makes us forget You. Let the weeds that grow in our souls be removed at their roots. Grant us to know that we truly live only when we live unto You, that all else is insignificant. Your presence alone can make us holy, devout, strong and happy. Abide within us as Your body, gracious God, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and King. Amen.

## The Silent Confession of Sin

### \*The Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 ESV

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Saints of God, receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

*Refrain:*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes. *(Refrain)*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *(Refrain)*

And on that day, when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come.

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *(Refrain)*

**It is necessary for eternal salvation that one believe in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully. Now this is the true faith: That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally.**

**He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; and He is human from the essence of His mother, born in time; completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity.**

**Although He is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. He is one, however, not by His divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to Himself. He is one, certainly not by the blending of His essence, but by the unity of His person. For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human.**

**He suffered for our salvation; He descended to hell; He arose from the dead; He ascended to heaven; He is seated at the Father's right hand; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will arise bodily and give an accounting of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will enter eternal fire. This is the catholic faith: one cannot be saved without believing it firmly and faithfully. Amen.**

Collection

**\*The Offertory Scripture**

Psalm 96:7-9 ESV

*Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!*

**The Offertory Anthem**

**\*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 Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 2 ESV  
(Pew Bible p.53)

**The Sermon**

*"Moses: Past and Present"*

Asst. Pastor Mark Kozak

**Summary:** No matter our past, and even present, God can use us in His church for His glory. (read "Summ.")

I. 1-14: A \_\_\_\_\_ past

II. 15-22: An \_\_\_\_\_ present

Application:

**\*The Closing Hymn**      “And Can It Be That I Should Gain”      *Trinity Hymnal #455*

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain:*

*Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

'Tis myst'ry all! Th'Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more. [*Refrain*]

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),  
humbled himself (so great his love!) and bled for all his chosen race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me! [*Refrain*]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. [*Refrain*]

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.  
[*Refrain*]

**\*The Benediction**      2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 ESV

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**\*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>
<b>Today</b>	Renee Nix and Lawson Gray	Drew & Morgan Brown and Cathy Robinson	Jenni Quinn and Johna Griesman
<b>Next Week</b>	Beth Stowe and Danielle Austin	Peggy & David Long and Jenifer Riddle	Amanda Brummett and Abby Chidester

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 Addison Ferguson on 4/13, Linda Boyd on 4/14, Chris Wallace on 4/16, Jenifer Riddle on 4/17, and Parker Dooley and Pat McCormick on 4/18.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by the family of Chris Wallace, in honor of his birthday.

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 the child's name.

### **This Week at Bethel**

#### **Sunday**

ILPC Session Meeting: 2:00 pm, Conference Room

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

Girls Discipleship Group: 4:00 pm, picnic shelter

Youth: 5:00 pm

#### **Monday**

Circle #3: 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom

#### **Tuesday**

GriefShare: 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom, "Loss of Spouse" stand-alone session

Diaconate Meeting: 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

Mentors & Moms: 9:30 am, Education Building

### **Next Week at Bethel**

**Talent Show:** Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm

**Youth:** Sunday, April 19, 5:00 pm

**Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 am, Conference Room

**Mentors & Moms:** Thursday, April 23, 9:30 am, Education Building

### **Prayer requests:**

- Recovery, healing, and strength: Helen Bean, Steve Britt, Tammy Carrick, Betsy Clinton, Shirley Coker, Deke Cox, Linda Ferster, Cary Grant, Johna Griesman, 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, Diane Wyatt.
- Visitors: God would give us eyes to see those singles, couples, and families we can invite to our congregation; we would be a warm, welcoming faith community where the love of Christ is freely shared and received.
- Palmetto Women's Center: a ministry empowering women and families facing unexpected pregnancies in York County. They provide accurate information, free services, and practical support, giving each of their clients the care and attention they need, empowering them to make informed decisions for themselves and their future.
- Pastor Ben Thomas, the staff, and congregation at **Christ Ridge Presbyterian Church**, 1070 Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill, SC 29708-7831, (803) 548-2020.