



# Bethel

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

*Timeless Truths for our  
Changing Community*

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*Organized 1764*

## Our Mission

Glorifying God by going to the ends of the earth  
to gather and grow His people.

## Welcome to Bethel!

*The deeper into weakness and suffering and testing we go,  
the deeper Christ's solidarity with us. As we go down into pain and anguish,  
we are descending ever deeper into Christ's very heart, not away from it.*

*Dane Ortlund*

**The LORD'S Day  
Sunday, May 31, 2026**

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~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~

*Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.*

***Psalm 33:1***

Preparation

**The Prelude**

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Silent Meditation and Prayer on Isaiah 42:2-3**

*<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

Adoration

**\*The Call to Worship**

Isaiah 49:13–18 ESV

*Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.*

**People: <sup>14</sup>But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.”**

*Pastor: <sup>15</sup>“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. <sup>16</sup>Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.*

**People: <sup>17</sup>Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.**

*All: <sup>18</sup>Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the Lord, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does.*

**\*The Hymn of Praise**    “All Creatures of Our God and King”    *Trinity Hymnal #115*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

O rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright that givest man both warmth and light,  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one.  
*O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**\*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.*

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup>I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

<sup>10</sup>They shall go after the Lord; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west;

<sup>11</sup>they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit, but Judah still walks with God and is faithful to the Holy One.

## Confession

### **The Call to Confession**

Psalm 32:5-6 ESV

*<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. <sup>6</sup>Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.*

*Children of God, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.*

### **The Corporate Confession of Sin**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **The Silent Confession of Sin**

#### **\*The Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 1:7 ESV

*<sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,*

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

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Q. 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?*

**A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with His hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty — all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

*Q. 28. How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?*

**A. We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from His love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.**

Collection

**The Offertory Scripture**

2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

*<sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**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 New Testament Reading**

John 11:17-44 ESV  
(Pew Bible p. 1066)

**The Message**

*Our Weeping Savior*

Ministry Intern Isak Siemens

**Sermon Notes:**

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

**\*The Blessing**

**\*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>	Stacie Brackett and Kyla Ferguson	Debra Kozak and Beth Stowe	Jenni Quinn and Kristine DeRousse
<b>Next Week</b>	Jessica McMullen and Nathalee Cuffman	Marissa Robinson and Danielle Austin	Kathy Donnelly and Danielle Austin

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.

<p>Happy birthday this week to Ben Ferguson and James McCarter on 6/1; Ella Griesman and John Gess on 6/2; Jane McCall and Jordan Austin on 6/4; Tatum Toney on 6/5; and George Brackett on 6/6.</p> <p>Welcome visitors! Please fill out a welcome card located in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.</p> <p><b><u>This Week at Bethel</u></b></p> <p><b>Sunday</b>  <b>Youth:</b> Summer kickoff, 6:00 pm, Coble's neighborhood pool</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b>  <b>Circle #1:</b> 10:30 am, Ladies Parlor</p> <p><b>GriefShare:</b> 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom</p> <p><b>Diaconate Meeting:</b> 7:00 pm, Conference Room</p> <p><b><u>Next Week at Bethel</u></b></p> <p><b>Homecoming:</b> Sunday, June 7, covered-dish meal immediately following morning worship</p> <p><b>Youth Committee Meeting:</b> Sunday, June 7, 4:00 pm, Youth Room</p>	<p><b>Youth:</b> Sunday, June 7, 5:00 pm, Pelican's Snoballs</p> <p><b>Circle #3:</b> Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm, Covenant Classroom</p> <p><b>GriefShare:</b> Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 pm, Covenant Classroom</p> <p><b>Colleen Riddle Circle:</b> Wednesday, June 10, 11:00 am, Education Building</p> <p><b>Good Samaritans:</b> Thursday, June 11, 5:00 pm, FLC</p> <p><b><u>Upcoming Events at Bethel</u></b></p> <p><b>VBS:</b> June 15-18, 8:45-11:45 am. Registration is open.</p>
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**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, 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 peacemakers: not contentious or eager for a fight and quick to make peace with others, to apologize to those we've offended, and to overlook offenses committed against us.
- Biblical Studies Released Time: a Bible-centered organization we support whose purpose is to evangelize boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to establish them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living.
- Pastor Craig Marshall, the session, and congregation at **Bullock Creek Presbyterian Church**, 7386 Lockhart Road, Sharon, SC 29742, (803) 280-4618.