



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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January 19, 2020 – 11:00 am  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*



*“When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?”  
They said, “Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?”  
He replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying,  
and they remained with him that day.”*  
John 1:38-39 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you need a place to crash, and you’re tired of paying high hotel prices, and honestly, you only need a place to rest, no problem. You can check into a hostel, or better, rent a room or house through a sharing website. The most well-known is Airbnb. Using our imagination, it almost seems as though Jesus has booked such a place. He tells Andrew, “Come and see.” (From Homiletics Online for January 19, 2020)*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *I Am With You Always*

S. KEENY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

**GATHERING HYMN:** *Come! Live in the Light!* (see page 5)

DAVID HASS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

***We welcome the Anointed One, who makes us whole.***

Look! God’s Chosen One, who calls us each by name.

***We greet the Messiah, who summons us to follow.***

Come and see - the Lord is here.

***Our hearts are made glad by God’s grace! Praise the Lord!***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**JOHN 1:29-42**

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1290

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

The One who sent the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world does not withhold mercy from us, but upholds us with steadfast love and faithfulness. Trusting that God receives us with grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

***Baptizing God, by water and the Spirit you anoint disciples and witnesses, prophets and teachers, to make your reign known throughout the earth. But we deny your claim on our lives, and pretend we have no part in proclaiming the good news.***

You call us to testify to your grace. We fall silent. You call us to declare your truth. We shrink from speaking out. You call us to point others to Christ. We fade into the crowd and hope others will take the lead.

***Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit upon us, and reclaim us for your work so that our words and deeds might glorify you.***

#### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Listen to me, O people; pay attention to our redeemer's words: I am the Lord, who is faithful—I am the Holy One, who has chosen you. Friends, believe the good news:

***The Light of the World has come, bringing salvation to the ends of the earth. Amen!***

#### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus Christ died to show God's love.*

*Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.*

*Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!*

*How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

#### \* SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

***We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.***

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

#### AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *Softly and Tenderly*

L. SMITH / W. THOMPSON

\* **A DOXOLOGY #591:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

KELVINGROVE

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

**AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS AND 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.***

**LISTENING FOR GOD’S VOICE**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

*Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land.  
My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.  
No man can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word He said,  
He went walking down to Lazarus' grave and He raised him from the dead. (refrain)  
When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak.  
He girdled Himself with a towel and washed His disciple's feet. (refrain)  
Yonder comes my Savior, Him whom I love so well.  
He has the palm of victory and the keys of death and Hell, (refrain)*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***Come and See***

REV. JOHNSON

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\* CLOSING HYMN:** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)* (see below)

SHOWALTER

\* SENDING

Having learned new words from our God,

**we will go to warm others in the bleak midwinter of life, to whisper to them of grace and hope.**

Having learned new ways to serve from Jesus,

**we will go to clear paths for those lost in oppression, to wait with those in hospital rooms and job lines.**

Having learned new songs from the Spirit,

**we will go to sing of peace in all the broken places, to light the way out of the shadows of injustice.**

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE: Choral Song

S. WESLEY

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain  
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,  
Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The score includes three verses of lyrics, a refrain, and a final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



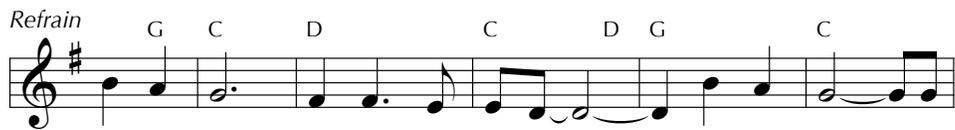
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.



# Our Faith Community @ Work

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you

have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following @bpresbyterian.

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**For our children:** Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

**Audio and Visual Assistance:** A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

**Operating our audio and video systems** this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

**Audio Recordings** of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *The Text this Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))
- *Call to Worship* resources from the PCUSA.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers  
Pete Campbell

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard

Norma Proctor  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson  
Frederica Beatty

Ben Johnson  
Alex Thomas  
Glenn Thompson  
Carol Brooks  
Robert Sykes

Shelvia Russell  
Family of Foy Bayliff  
Ritchie Fishburne  
Janie Holt Clapp

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for January are **Nancy Purcell** and **Helen Brown**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- Today - Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> - John away attending GA Committee Meeting
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>:

- 6:00 - Men of the Church Oyster Stew

Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 - Worship

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Karen Maxwell

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen  
Randy Cousins  
Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell  
Ben Russell  
Tracey Troxler

### Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp  
Helen Brown  
Tina Patterson

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