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Third Sunday after Epiphany



“When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, ‘Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch.’”
Luke 5:4(CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“You don’t judge the strength of an army by how many soldiers sit and eat in the mess hall but by how they perform on the front line. Likewise, a church’s strength is not seen in how many show up but in how many serve in the ministry.” – Rick Warren

PRELUDE: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

L. SMITH – TUNE; ASSAM

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 SONG #354:** *Guide My Feet*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, but afraid to follow.

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and gifted with courage.

By God's grace, we are who we are:

People who are called, and given good news to share.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

* **HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Holy God, by your grace: you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion; you touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness; you touch our hearts with the fire of your love.

Jesus Christ, by your grace: you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins; you challenge us to new thinking, with overflowing results; you so confront our doubts that we can cast out our fears.

Holy Spirit, by your grace: you give us eyes to see the emptiness of our world; you give us ears to hear the good news; you give us words to bring hope to all people.

God in Community, Holy in One, by your grace we are who we are: your children, your people, your church, praying together.

Do not be afraid! Whatever you fear, God is ready to take it away from you; whatever you have said, God is ready to speak mercy to you; whatever you have done, God is ready to forgive you.

God in heaven: most of us would not consider ourselves to be holy. We think of others as inconveniences or intrusions, not as sisters or brothers. We look at others with pride or spite, not through the eyes of compassion.

We are so busy listening to ourselves, we cannot hear the anguish and loneliness of our neighbors.

Forgive us, O God. You have set us apart so we might be a partner with hurting people. We belong to your Kingdom so we might bring others in to live with us. We would risk following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who first risked calling us as disciples.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The Holy One became wholly human so we might know love. The One enthroned on high endured the Cross so we might have life. Believe this good news: we are forgiven!

By God's grace, we are who we are: forgiven and restored people. Thanks be to God.

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

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus 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.*

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

* REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy universal church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world.

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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 the Holy Spirit?

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

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Members of the congregation are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands during the Prayer of Ordination.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Be Thou My Vision*

* **DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

C. BECKER – TUNE; SLANE

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

HYMN OF THE DAY #377: *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ROBERT CULL / DAVID ALLEN

*Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus.*

THE SPOKEN WORD

Lord, silence any voice but your own.

That we may hear you speaking to us on this day.

A Reading from Luke 5:1-11

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

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THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man*

BRAHMAN / WILLIAMS

*Jesus, Jesus, Son of God and Son of man;
Jesus, Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Jesus, Came to earth a tiny babe;
Jesus, Jesus, Came to save us all.
He left the glory of heav'n above to walk the dust of the earth.
He was born in a lowly manger, yet angels sang at His birth.
Jesus, Jesus, Son of God and Son of man;
Jesus, Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Jesus, Came to serve, not to be served;
Jesus, Jesus, Came to set us free.
Jesus, Jesus, Crucified upon a tree;
Gave His life willingly, died for you and me.
He was not just a man from Galilee who was a carpenter by trade.
But He was the precious promised one, He was the Son of God.
Jesus, Jesus, Rose in triumph from the grave;
Jesus, Son of God, Savior of the world.*

SERMON: SCOUTING THE DEEP WATER

REV. JOHNSON

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*** CLOSING HYMN:** *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

SINE NOMINE

*"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.*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man*

BRAHMAN / WILLIAMS

** Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church. 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.bethanypresbyterian.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

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, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- Homiletics Online website (www.homileticonline.com)
- Narrative Lectionary website (www.workingpreacher.org)
- *Book of Occasional Services*

This morning, our worship will include the **Service of Ordination and Installation** for our Elders in the Class of 2019. **A. J. Campbell** will be ordained and installed, and **Jean Payne and Ron Osborne** will be installed.

One week from today, **Sunday, January 29th**, will mark the **Kickoff of our 125th Anniversary Celebration**. Join us for a delicious **Fifth Sunday Breakfast at 9:00**, followed by Sunday school, and then a very special worship service, introducing our theme based on Isaiah 40:28-31, **Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher**. Our worship will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Make your plans to join us for this kickoff to our exciting celebratory anniversary year!

The **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of **Jim Cousins**, by the family.

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.

To the parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you must suppress those wiggles in God's house. **Please note that a professionally staffed nursery is available during the worship hour.** Here are some hints to make worship with your children more rewarding:

- Consider sitting towards the front where it is easier for little ones to engage. On the second pew nearest the choir loft, there are activities for children of all ages to keep busy with during the service.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To adult worshippers:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sherrie Moore)

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

Bill Faucette
Faye Campbell
Frances Nolan
Joey Leake
Diane Bullis
Tiffany Tauchren
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton

Diane Miller
Jack Cook
Polly & Dick Wilson
Layla Benoklen
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Harold Baldwin
Duffy Strigo

John & Ann Sutton
Peter Slater
Family of Dr. Bob James
Teresa Wilborn
Ida Whitney
Rachel Poteat
Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Ron Chilton

Each week **Salem Presbytery** lists churches and other ministries that we are to lift up in prayer that week. A complete list can be viewed online at the presbytery website: www.salempresbytery.org. On the prayer list for this week are: **Christ Presbyterian, High Point; New Creation Community, Greensboro; and First Presbyterian, Boone**. Please keep these churches in your prayers this week.

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

Seeker's Class (Church Office)

The Seeker's Class is currently using a study guide that correlates with the preaching text and themes that are used in our worship services.

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: Ron Osborne, Ron Kimrey, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for January are **Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell**.

John will be leaving early Tuesday morning to attend the annual conference of the **Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE)** in Denver. This year, John will be presenting a workshop: *The Pastor as Educator: Re-claiming the Role of Teaching Elder*. He will return on Saturday, and will be with us next Sunday for our kickoff celebration!

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Service of Ordination and Installation

Wednesday, the 25th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, the 26th:

- Covenant Bible Study: *WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK*

Sunday, the 29th:

- **125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION KICKOFF**
- 9:00 – 5th Sunday Breakfast
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship – *Growing Stronger* theme / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2017:

Ron Kimrey
Karen Maxwell
Sherrie Moore

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson
Nancy Purcell
Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell
Ron Osborne
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