



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

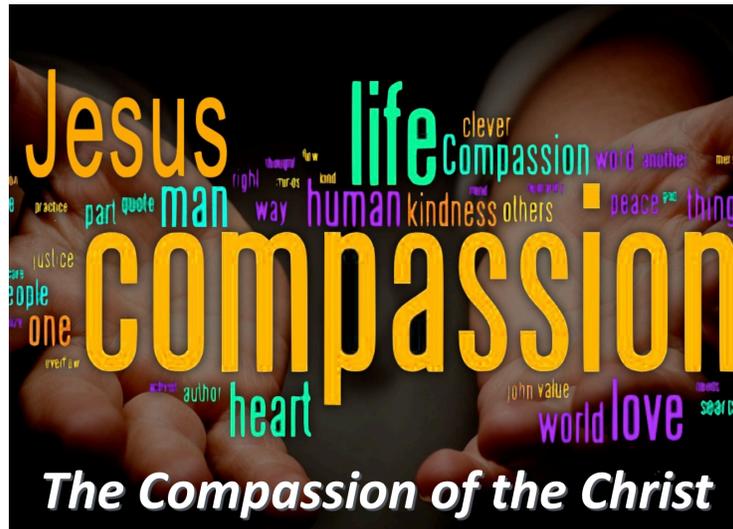
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February 5, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*



*“When he saw her, the Lord had compassion for her and said, ‘Don’t cry.’”*  
Luke 7:13 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*“The fact remains that Jesus claimed for life a young man who had been marked for death. Jesus is not only the Lord of life; he is the Lord of death who himself triumphed over the grave and who has promised that, because he lives, we shall live also.” – William Barclay – The New Daily Study Bible*

**PRELUDE:** *On That Bright, Golden Shore*

D. MOORE

### 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:** *Come! Live in the Light!* (see page 4)

DAVID HAAS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

When we feel down-hearted...

***Jesus says: “Rise!”***

When we wonder if we can continue on our journey...

***Jesus says: “I am with you. You have nothing to fear.”***

When we hunger and thirst in our souls for relief...

*Jesus says: "Come, follow me."*

Lord of hope and possibilities, be with us today.

***Open our hearts and spirits to feed upon your healing word. Let us worship God!***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE #379:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

O God, who lifts us up, sets us free, and watches over us, visit us this day. Lift our spirits, and free our minds. Open our eyes and hearts to your words, your will, and the miracle of your holy presence, that we may encounter you in the meeting of friends and in kindness to strangers. Lift us up, and set us free, O God.

***Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan. In their midst we find you, your prophets, and your miracles.***

Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Lead us as we join the effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people.

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news: Those who seek will find help and hope in God. In Jesus we are raised to newness of life.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

*I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

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

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.***

We believe in God;

***Who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.***

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

***He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God's kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.***

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

***Who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God's children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should prioritize justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.***

We celebrate the potential of the Church,

***The life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord. Amen.***

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.***

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *Something Beautiful*

G. AND W. GAITHER / ARR. BOCK

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

**HYMN OF THE DAY #394:** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

BALM IN GILEAD

**MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *Thy Word*

AMY GRANT

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

## 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 7:11-17

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

***Thanks be to God!***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1254

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

G. YOUNG

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.  
Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health and peace.  
He breaks the power of reigning sin.  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the sinful clean.  
His blood availed for me.  
My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim,  
To spread to all the earth abroad the honors of Thy Name*

**SERMON: THE COMPASSION OF THE CHRIST**

REV. JOHNSON

## LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

\* **CLOSING HYMN #276:** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

M. LUTHER / ARR. BOCK

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

# 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



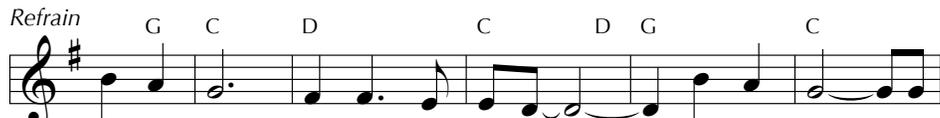
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



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 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](http://www.bethanypresbyterian.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following @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](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- Homiletics Online website ([www.homileticonline.com](http://www.homileticonline.com))
- Narrative Lectionary website ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org))

Last Sunday we marked the **Kickoff of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**. Our theme scripture passage for the celebration is Isaiah 40:28-31, **Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher**. Mark your calendars for our other celebration events:

- **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** – **Rev. Norman Whitney**, preaching / Luncheon following worship
- **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Concert by renowned artist, **David LaMotte** ([www.davidlamotte.com](http://www.davidlamotte.com))
- **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Culmination of anniversary celebration / **Rev. J. Herbert Nelson**, preaching (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA)) / **David LaMotte** providing music / Anniversary luncheon following worship

Please drop by the nursery and say hello to our new nursery worker **Dakota Shell**, who begins her work with us today. Just as a reminder, we have contracted with Preferred ChildCare out of Jamestown to staff our nursery on Sunday mornings and on special occasions.

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

Diane Miller  
Jack Cook  
Polly & Dick Wilson  
Layla Benoklen  
Shannon Russell

John & Ann Sutton  
Peter Slater  
Family of Dr. Bob James  
Teresa Wilborn  
Ida Whitney

Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton

Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Harold Baldwin  
Duffy Strigo  
Gail Sloane (friend of Joy Saleeby)

Rachel Poteat  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Ron Chilton

**Circle #4** will meet **tomorrow, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.**

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](http://www.salempresbytery.org). On the prayer list for this week are: **Don Durham, Executive Director Latino Community Services (Winston-Salem), Eben-ezer Presbyterian – Siler City, Unity Presbyterian – Woodleaf, Mt. Vernon Presbyterian - Woodleaf.** Please keep these churches and ministries 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 February are **Jean Payne and Glenn Patterson.**

The **Bethany NEXT Work Group** will meet **tomorrow evening at 7:00** here at the church.

The **Session** will have its monthly stated meeting on this **Tuesday evening, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00** here at the church. (This normal schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month fell on Valentine's Day, so the meeting was moved up a week.)

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Circle #4
- 7:00 – Bethany NEXT Work Group

Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup>:

- Covenant Bible Study: *Living the Covenant – Episode 16*

Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

### 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

Jean Payne

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