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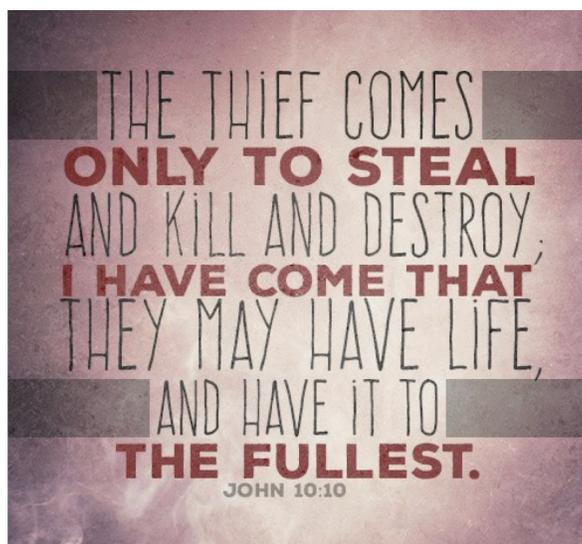
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*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



*“The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.*

John 10:10 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*When we choose abundance, we participate in the fullness of the eternal life that God yearns for each of us. Living this kind of life keeps us from lapsing into the background of existence. So choose to accept the gift of living fully into the being that God has made. Choose abundance. After all, God has already chosen you.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *God Will Take Care of You*

C. BOYLES

### 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 #357:** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the laughter of children, we hear the voice of the Gate of the Way, and find our way home.

***In the lap of a parent, God's compassion cradles us in the still waters of love.***

The Shepherd of our lives leads us through that door into life with him forever.

***We are baptized with living waters which refresh us, restoring us to follow Jesus all our days.***

The Holy Spirit, Keeper of truth, is the Light which guides us through every shadowed moment.

***The Breath of life stills our worries and fears, as we are lead to that peaceful place of God's heart.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE #460: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

**AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS**

Buoyed by your living waters, we are at peace in seas of stress and success; detoured onto those walkways leading to your joy, we find our way out of mazes of meetings and deadlines.

***Nourished at your picnic in that garden of grace, our shredded souls are anointed by your healing; you slow us down just enough, as we try to escape the very lives we think we want, so goodness and mercy can catch up with us and carry us into your heart.***

Day by day, God would lead us to the places of hope and healing, while moment by moment, we continue to follow sin down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who would restore us to wholeness. Join me as we pray together, saying:

***The wrong paths to foolish lives and repeated mistakes? We know all too well where they are, Gate of our lives. Stirring up the waters with trouble comes all too easy to us, we confess. And locking the doors of our hearts so we don't have to love others is second nature to us.***

Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, as you anoint us with healing oil. May we share from our abundance with all who hunger for life. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with you forever.

**AN OFFERING OF SILENCE**

**AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

***We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

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

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)*

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

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

**\* 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 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #170:** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

CRIMOND

**AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY:** *Ave Maria*

F. SHUBERT

\* **THE DOXOLOGY (WITH ALLELUIAS)**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

**MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART)**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

ROBERT CULL

*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**

A Reading from 1 Peter 2:19-25

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1476

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Were You There?*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

**THE SPOKEN WORD**

A Reading from John 10:1-10

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

*Thanks be to God!*

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1305

**SERMON:** *THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE . . .*

REV. SAM JENKINS

## LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

\* **CLOSING HYMN #387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

H. TURNER

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\* *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.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://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](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

John is away this weekend, so we are pleased to welcome to the pulpit as guest preacher, **Rev. Sam Jenkins**. Please extend to Sam a warm Bethany welcome! John will return to the office on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>.

On the last Sunday in January 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

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  
Layla Benoklen  
Ida Whitney  
Rachel Poteat  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers

Diane Miller  
Jack Cook  
Polly & Dick Wilson  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Infant Sadie Ruth Majors  
Ben Johnson  
Family of Sandy Cook

John & Ann Sutton  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Harold Baldwin  
Duffy Strigo  
Norma Proctor  
Gloria Carden Woods

Presbytery Women Circles will meet tomorrow, May 8<sup>th</sup>: **Circle #1 at 10:00 am, Circle #3 at 7:00 pm, and Circle #4 at 6:00 pm at the Village Grill.**

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: **Pine Ridge Presbyterian, Pilot Mountain; Taylorsville Presbyterian; Stony Creek Presbyterian, Burlington.** 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 the *Wired Word* curriculum, looking at current events as they relate to our faith.

**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 May are **Ron Kimrey and Nancy Purcell.**

The congregation has been mailed a letter soliciting donations for replacement of our 40-some-year-old boiler! We are hoping that it will make it through the winter, so this work can be completed in the spring. Please see Ron Kimrey if you have any questions. And thanks in advance for your generosity.

The **Session** is reminded about their regular monthly stated meeting **this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / guest preacher Rev. Sam Jenkins

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

- 10:00 – Circle #1
- 6:00 – Circle #4
- 7:00 – Circle #3

Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 14<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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