Bethany Presbyterian Church

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June 21, 2026 – 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN #420:** *God of Grace, and God of Glory* HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown the ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us,
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to love and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christlike graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor thee,
That we fail not them nor thee!

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (FROM MATTHEW 10:29-31)

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.
God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.
God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.
We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

GATHERING PRAYER (GENESIS 21, PSALM 86)

Holy One, come to us now in this time of worship.
Be present our lives, that you may hear our cries, and speak to our souls.
Give us your strength, that we may live all the days of our lives in steadfast faith and hope.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

***Hymn of the Day #276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — Thomas Obediah Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

Telling the Truth About Ourselves

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses.
We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison
ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears.
Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

An Offering of God's Grace

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Prayer for Illumination

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us.
Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Encountering Scripture

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 — pew Bible, 732

Matthew 10:24-39 — pew Bible, 1182

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Word in Music: *As The Deer* — Martin Nystrom

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***"Now Hear This"*** RICK PURCELL, CRE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* THOMAS KEN

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. Amen.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***CLOSING HYMN # 357:** *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* WASHINGTON GLADDEN

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

***SENDING**

POSTLUDE

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** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible Study – Evie C. Marshall Room

Wednesdays, 10:00am Bethany Exercise Class - Evie C. Marshall Room

Exercise classes will start back after the first of the year on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Tuesday, July 7th 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, July 7th at 10:30am. in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

Tuesday, July 7th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library with be at Bethany on the first Tuesday of each month. The mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30.
Please stop by and "check-out" this wonderful service the library has to share.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How can we help S.A.F.E. for during the **month of June**? They are in most need of:

Canned Meats	**Spaghetti sauce**
Rice	**Spaghetti noodles**
Pasta	**Peanut Butter and Jelly**
Soup	**Pet Food**

S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.
Consider donating your paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, June 21st - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream).

Wednesday, June 24th

10:00 – Exercise class

7:00 pm – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 28th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream).

Session
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