



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



“What consequences did you get from doing things that you are now ashamed of? The outcome of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have the consequence of a holy life, and the outcome is eternal life. The wages that sin pays are death, but God’s gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:21-23 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In a way, Paul invites those who preach on this passage to join him in walking a tightrope. The way we live our lives in Christ doesn’t earn us God’s favor, but it nevertheless does determine in some ways whether or not we continue in Christ. Because we are slaves, we are dependent on our masters - whether sin, which ends in death, or God, who is the source of life.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Prelude on “Bread of Life”*

G. YOUNG

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 #561:** *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we walk the pathways of destruction . . .

We are met by the God of peace and reconciliation

When we sit and wonder if there is any way we can be of help . . .

We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.

When we least expect it . . .

The Holy One through the Spirit offers us life-giving water!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

* **HYMN OF PRAISE #339:** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Gracious God of mercy, we thank you for your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church.

We ask that you make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries you place before us. Giver of everlasting life, fill us again with your spirit.

Patient God, each and every day you offer to us new hope and special blessings. From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of your love pours on your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each of your blessings just for ourselves.

Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to you. Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure; for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! God has again blessed our lives with hope and joy. Be at peace, people of God, for God is with us.

Amen.

* **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.*

* **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 #379:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Hymn of Promise*

N. SLEETH

* **THE DOXOLOGY**

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) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #316: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

ADAMS / FERRIN

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;

Just to rest upon His promise; Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!

How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, O for grace to trust Him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious, Jesus, Savior, Friend:

And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me, to the end.

THE SPOKEN WORD

A Reading from Romans 6:12-23

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1374

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: DYING TWICE

REV. NEWTON COWAN

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #280:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *Fantasia on "Kingsfold"*

D. PAXTON

* *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; 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, on our Facebook page, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *Working Preacher* website (www.workingpreacher.org)

Our year-long 125th Anniversary Celebration didn't end with our wonderful celebration at the end of May. As has been noted before our theme scripture passage for the celebration is Isaiah 40:28-31, ***Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher***. Mark your calendars for our final celebration events:

- **Saturday, September 23rd** – Concert by renowned artist, **David LaMotte** (www.davidlamotte.com)
- **Sunday, September 24th** – Culmination of anniversary celebration / **Rev. J. Herbert Nelson**, preaching (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA)) / **David LaMotte** providing music / Anniversary luncheon following worship

Anniversary T-Shirts are now available for purchase. There will be a table set up in the Welcome Center. Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted.

In John's absence this morning we welcome **Rev. Newton Cowan** as our guest preacher. Newton serves as Associate Pastor of Jamestown Presbyterian Church. He answered the call to ministry after working in sales for a number of years and attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, receiving his Masters of Divinity in 2012. Newton is married to his wife Carrie and they have one daughter in college and another daughter in high school.

The **Church Office** will be closed this **Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day.

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	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Harold Baldwin
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Duffy Strigo
Steward Dillard	Infant Sadie Ruth Majors	Norma Proctor
Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Ben Johnson	Gloria Carden Woods
	Pete Campbell	

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: **Church of the Covenant, Greensboro; UKirk, Salem College (College Ministries); Fieldstone Presbyterian, Mooresville.** 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.

SAVE THE DATES: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11TH AND 12TH.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Ron Kimrey, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for July are **Glenn Patterson and Karen Maxwell.**

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship, Rev. Newton Cowan, guest preacher

Wednesday, the 5th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 9th:

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

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

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Ron Kimrey
Karen Maxwell
Sherrie Moore

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson
Nancy Purcell
Brandon Troxler

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