Bethany Presbyterian Church

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July 6, 2025 – 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday of 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: *His Own Hand Shall Guide Me* — EDWARD BROUGHTON

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN #263:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — WALTER C. SMITH

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

(ADAPTED FROM PSALM 66:1-5)

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."
Come and see what God has done:
tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!

GATHERING PRAYER

(GALATIANS 6, LUKE 10)

Challenging God, you send us out like lambs among wolves, then ask us to be peaceful and gentle. Help us hear and obey your call to follow Jesus, even if we must surrender our reputations and rules we hold dear. May we learn and live the path of the cross, restoring one another and bearing one another's burdens, as we discover your gift of becoming new creations in Christ. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(ADAPTED FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community,
to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate people from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.
The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*HYMN OF THE DAY #387 : *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Telling the Truth About Ourselves

We cannot be perfect, but we can be faithful by noticing where we've fallen short and asking God to set us right. Let us therefore confess our sins together.

Patient God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer,
at least not right now.
Forgive our fear.
Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts,
surrounded by your children, and held in your love.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

An Offering of God's Grace

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, stir in us today some new understanding; some new passion;
some new insight into you.
As we read your Scriptures, help us to hear your still, small voice. Amen.

Encountering Scripture

Psalm 66:1-9 — pew Bible, 713

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 — pew Bible, 1261

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Word in Music: *Jesus, You Brought Me All of the Way* — Kenneth Louis

The Word Proclaimed

Sermon: *"Advertising Media"* — 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 #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* — WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***CLOSING HYMN #379:** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* — EDWARD MOTE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)**

*SENDING

You are being sent out but not to wander aimlessly.
You are being sent out with a purpose:
Commissioned, we call it, to tell good news and be good news,
to turn strangers into neighbors, and neighbors into companions,
to rebuke what is wrong and rejoice in what is so, so right.
So go with the love of God who made you, the peace of Christ who saved you,
and the courage of the Spirit to lead you forward into this and every day. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *O Worship the King* — FRANKLIN RITTER/TUNE: LYONS BY J.M. HAYDN

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Tuesday, August 5th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

Starting in June 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

Tuesday, September 2 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, September 2ndt at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom. We will not have a meeting in August.

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

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of **July**? They are asking for **Breakfast items (Cereals, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars), Children and Adult diapers and Feminine products.**
S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.
Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, July 6th – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

Tuesday, July 8th

7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, July 9th

6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, July 13th – 5th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion & Pennies for Hunger

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

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

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