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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



“As God’s household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.
Ephesians 2:20-22 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The giving of gifts is a practice, or ritual, that has existed as long as humans have lived in community. These gifts are both great and small. What are some of the greatest gifts ever given? Granted, some subjectivity is involved in the answer, but Christians can agree that the greatest gift is Jesus, himself, who, as this text points out, is the one who brings us all together in unity.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *If With All Your Hearts*

F. MENDELSSOHN / ARR. T. BIRCHWOOD

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:** *Lord, Be Glorified*

ASSURANCE

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
In our church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our church, Lord, be glorified today.
In our world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our world, Lord, be glorified today.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place.

Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.

Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

Our lives need moments of rest.

Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*** HYMN OF PRAISE #442: *The Church's One Foundation***

AURELIA

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Lord, we gather here this morning with lives that are filled with activity and movement. We rush from one thing to another as though we are going to run out of time to accomplish everything.

Help us to let go of the hectic times and the stresses and find our rest in you. Relax our spirits and refresh our souls. Remind us that there will always be things to do and places to go, but that we need the rest of spirit that you provide.

Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities.

We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest.

Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God's love awaits us. It has been lavished upon us as a gentle summer rain, refreshing our souls, opening our hearts, healing our wounds.

We rest in God's eternal love. We are a forgiven people! 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 #527:** *Near to the Heart of God*

MCAFFEE

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *We Have Come Into His House*

B. BALLINGER / ARR. F. BOCK

* **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 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.

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: *Acclamation*

R. RAY

*Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!
Praise Him with stringed instruments.
Praise Him with dance.
Praise Him on the psaltery and harp.
Everything that has breath ought to praise Him*

THE SPOKEN WORD

A Reading from Ephesians 2:11-22
This is Holy Scripture for God's people.
Thanks be to God!

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1424

SERMON: THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL TIME

REV. JOHNSON

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #441:** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *Mighty Maker of All*

R. SAWYER

* *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)

This morning we continue a **Sermon Series focusing on Paul's letter to the Ephesians**. Our remaining texts and themes for this series are:

- July 16th: Ephesians 2:11-22 – *The Greatest Gift of All Time*
- July 23rd: Ephesians 4:1-16 – *Equipping the Saints*
- July 30th: Fifth Sundays @ Bethany – Ephesians 6:10-20 – *Paul's Product Proposal*

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.

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	

Mark your calendars for our annual **Shrimp-a-Roo**, scheduled for **Saturday, July 29th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Tell your friends and neighbors and join us for this wonderful time of great food and even greater fellowship!

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: **First Presbyterian, Mocksville; Cross Roads Presbyterian, Mebane; Second Presbyterian, Mocksville**. 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:

- Ephesians Sermon Series II
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 19th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 23rd:

- Ephesians Sermon Series III
- 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

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Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

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