



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



“Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. All at once there was such a violent earthquake that it shook the prison’s foundations. The doors flew open and everyone’s chains came loose.”
Acts 16:25-26 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don’t hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It’s not about perfect music. It’s not about the perfect prayer. It’s about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Heavenly Love*

G. GIORDANI

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:** *Come, All You People*

UYAI MOSE

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

The Savior . . . The Spirit

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to this place of prayer,

for here we can bring our hopes and dreams, our hidden fears and the doubts we dare wear on our sleeves.

We come to this place of grace,

for here we learn compassion and joy, and discover how deeply we are loved.

We come with these people called the church,

to be blessed by the variety of gifts, to live as one for our God.

*** OPENING HYMN #485: *To God Be the Glory***

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!

We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:

ACTS 16:16-34

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1348

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

In your presence, mountains melt into muddy puddles and stars whisper your name to us. Faithfulness and justice are the scuffed shoes you put on each morning, clouds are your prayer shawl in the evening.

When you could have kept God's glory in your pocket, you took it out and spent it on us. Confident in that love which was yours before the world began spinning, you came to walk the dusty path of death.

Spirit of Blessing, like a crossing guard you keep your eyes on us as we cross the busy streets of life, ready to pull us out of the way of oncoming sin. You take us by the hand to lead us to the shade of the tree of life.

God in Community, Holy in One, make us one Body from many individuals.

Plastic cards, shiny cars, brick and glass homes - what idols we fashion with our hands, how much energy and time serving them occupy our hearts! Let us confess how we have misplaced our priorities, and seek the One who asks us to be first in our lives.

Enslaved to sin, we cannot see the lives we lead. Each day, and every day, there are those times when we ignore you and your dreams for us. Each week, and every week, we find the time to ridicule others, when we could have affirmed them. Each moment, and every moment, though we do not want to admit it, we seek our own way rather than skipping down your path of joy and obedience.

We come asking forgiveness for our foolish lives. Deliver us and break the chains of sin and death which hold us captive. Open us to that grace you offer and give us the gift of the Spirit, so we may live as people of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

In the beginning was God, and at the end will be God, and in every moment in between, there is God: creating, redeeming, and sustaining us.

And through Christ, gracious love is poured into our empty souls; through the Spirit, peace becomes the gift we can share with those around us. Thanks be to God. 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**

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?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 God 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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *It is Well With My Soul*

J. PURIFOY / P. BLISS

*** THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (see page 4)

SWEET HOUR

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

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Give Thanks*

H. SMITH / ARR. L. LARSON

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Unhinged***

REV. LINDSAY CONRAD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

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

AMAZING GRACE

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my
feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious
my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
spi - rits burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has
With such I has - ten to the place where God my
And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the
Sa - viour shows his face, and glad - ly take my
word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

temp - ter's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest 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).

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

For our children: Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

Audio and Visual Assistance: A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Brandon Troxler**. 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:

- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

We are pleased to welcome **Rev. Lindsay Conrad** to Bethany this morning as our guest preacher. Here’s a little bit about Lindsay: Rev. Lindsay Conrad is a PCUSA minister currently serving in the areas of mission, young adults, and congregational care right up the road at First Presbyterian Church of Burlington. A student of Austin Seminary, Lindsay is a lover of preaching, an enthusiastic practitioner of the love and justice of Jesus, a fierce ally for those who live under the stars and on the streets, and a firm believer in ice cream being good for the soul. Lindsay recently served as a Commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly of the PCUSA in St. Louis.

John is on vacation this week, and will return to the office this Wednesday.

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.

Make your plans to join us **this Saturday, the 28th at 6 pm** for our annual **Shrimp-a-Roo!** This delicious event is sponsored, planned, and carried out by our Men of the Church. Invite your friends and come be fed in body and spirit!

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

We are in the process of putting together a new in-house **Pictorial Directory**. We are using photographs from the previous directory, unless you indicate otherwise. To view the picture we have on file for you, you may come by the church office and Joy will show it to you, or call Joy and she will send it to you electronically. To submit a new photo, send it to Joy (office@bethanypreschurch.org) or bring a print by so it can be scanned.

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	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Family of Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Levi Byrd	Shirley Lane
Betty Boggs	Alex Thomas	Susie Hunley
	Katherine Bayliff	

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.

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, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for July are **Chip Allen** and **Karen Maxwell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Rev. Lindsay Conrad, guest preacher

Wednesday, the 18th – Tuesday, the 24th:

- John on vacation

Wednesday, the 25th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, the 28th:

- 6:00 – Shrimp-a-Roo

Sunday, the 29th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Sacrament of Baptism

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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