



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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: *This is My Father's World*

F. SHEPPARD / ARR. P. L. HARRIS

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:** *As the Deer* (see page 4)

MARTIN NYSTROM

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us bow before the holy One.

Come, let us confess God's might.

Come, let us feel God's mercy.

Come, let us live in God's light.

As God's people, we lift our voices in praise.

Glory to you, gracious and loving God!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today? Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers lifted? Who will you lead us to serve?

Help us trust you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite us, make our joy complete.

God of patience, your people grow weary. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things; gently call us back to you.

Empty our hearts of anger and pride. Empty our souls of greed and selfishness. Empty our minds of envy, doubt, and mistrust. As you poured out your very self through your beloved Son, pour your Spirit into our hearts today. Forgive us our wrongdoing. Reclaim us with your love.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding. Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out. The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.

We hear these words of forgiveness. We are strengthened to walk as disciples. We trust in God's mercy. Amen.

* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

TRADITIONAL

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)

I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)

Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)

* 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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

F. RITTER

* 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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG @ HEART / MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

AMY GRANT / MICHAEL W. SMITH

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

THE WORD SPOKEN: Philippians 2:1-13

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1430

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Make a Joyful Noise*

R. WISE

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
If you have joy, then make a joyful noise.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Living Water and Savior for All***

REV. AMANDA MAGUIRE

Text: Exodus 17:1-7

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 87

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #514: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the wee hours of the morning, while all was quiet and dark here at hour home, the sun was rising on the other side of the world.

And with the dawn of this new day, God's people began gathering for worship amid the sounds of drums or pipes, stringed instruments or pianos and organs.

And now we, too, join in this worldwide chorus of those who call upon the name of the Lord.

On this World Communion Sunday we remember especially that the scriptures are fulfilled as "People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God."

This is the Lord's Table.

Our Savior invites those who trust Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you that in your love . . . We praise you, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

O God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ . . . We joyfully celebrate Christ's presence and reconciling love.

Great is the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God of peace, now and forever. We pray now the prayer Christ taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this bread and this cup, you have made us one with you and with each other. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out to your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN #142:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE:** *Joy Unending*

L. SMITH

* *Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.*

ADORATION

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As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

Chords: D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D, G, A7, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, Asus, A7, D, Bm, Bm/A, G, D/F#, G, Bm, Em, F#sus, F#, D, A, Bm, Dsus, D, G, A7sus, A7, D



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 **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:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *A Wee Worship Book* (Wild Goose Resource Group)

This morning's service includes the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. All believers are welcome to the table! Communion will be served by intinction. At the appropriate time, beginning with the front rows, come forward by the middle aisle to the servers nearest you. Tear off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. Return to your seat by the outside aisle. Anyone unable to come forward will be served at their seat.

Many thanks to **Glenn Patterson**, who is serving as worship leader this morning.

John is away today, attending a meeting of a General Assembly committee, of which he is a member. He will return to the office on Thursday, October 5th. We welcome to the pulpit **Rev. Amanda Maguire**. Amanda most recently served as the Associate Pastor at Graham Presbyterian Church in Graham, NC for the past four years. She received her M.Div from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary after attending Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. She loves spending time with family and friends, reading, and being outside.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in memory of **Willie Schappacher's** birthday, from his family.

With hearts of gratitude we offer thanks to all those who helped make our anniversary celebration the amazing weekend that it was. A special thanks goes to **Pat Flythe**, and her team of volunteers. And also to **Joy Saleeby**, our caterer for the luncheon on Sunday. Who's ready to start planning for 150 in 2042!!

Donations are still being accepted for the gift of having **David LaMotte** with us last weekend. We are within a few hundred dollars of having his concert and Sunday morning presence completely paid for with donations. If you write a check, put "David LaMotte" on the memo line, and make the check out to the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Elder: Jean Payne)

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	Carolyn Thompson
Ben Johnson	Sandy Cook and niece Rachel	Shelvia Russell

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: **Alfredo Miranda, Presbyterian Hispanic Caucus; Melissa Davis, Ecumenical Coordinator, PC(USA); Speedwell Presbyterian, Reidsville; First Presbyterian, Mt. Airy.** 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.

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

Elders of the Month for October are **Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell.**

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- **World Communion Sunday**
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship with Communion / Rev. Amanda Maguire, preaching

Tuesday, the 3rd:

- 7:00 – “What is the Bible?” Book Study

Wednesday, the 4th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 8th:

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

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2017:

Ron Kimrey

Karen Maxwell

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

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