



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

F. RITTER / CORONATION

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:** *I Love You, Lord*

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

LAURIE KLEIN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

What does God want us to offer as an offering?

God wants us to do justice.

What does God want us to offer in service to the Lord?

God wants us to love kindness.

What does God want us to offer as a gift of thanks?

God wants us to walk humbly with the Almighty.

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:

MICAH 6:6-8

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1129

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Almighty God, we long to rest in your gentle arms. We need your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life. When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to you.

Remind us of your saving love and keep us close to you, Lord. Love us as only you can love.

Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all.

For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love. The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake us or leave us.

We turn to the Lord with confidence and put our faith in God's great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. 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 say what we believe.

We believe in God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.

We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Balm in Gilead*

R. WILSON (BASED ON SPIRITUAL)

* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices* (see page 4)

DWIGHT LILES

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.*

*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord*

JAMES K. MANLEY

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

*Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

*Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION: JAMES ALLEGRETTO, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP 2018

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Come, Ye Blessed*

J. P. SCOTT

*"Then, then shall the King say unto them upon His right hand;
Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
from the foundation of the world,
Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
Come, ye blessed of my Father.
I was an-hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was a-thirst, and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger, and ye took me in, Naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, sick, and ye visited me;
I was in prison, and ye came into me, ye came unto me.
Therefore, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
Come, ye blessed, of my Father, come, come, come."*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *walk*.

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #335:** *Though I May Speak*

O WALY WALY

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *What Does the Lord Require of You?* (see page 5)

JIM STRATHDEE

*** POSTLUDE:** *Go Out With Praise*

D. PAXTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

We Lift Our Voices 710

We Are an Offering

F
C
F
C

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our

F
C
3
Dm7
F

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our

C
F
C

voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our

F
C
3
Dm7
F
G7

lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em7
Asus A
Dm7
F
G
Esus E
Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

F
C
Bb
Dm
F

give to you, we give to you. We lift our

C
F
C
F
C

voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:

3
Dm7
3
C

we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
B^b F Gm Dm

*1.

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.

Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
E^b B^b Cm F B^b

Repeat as desired

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

walk hum - bly with your God.

and walk hum - bly with your God.



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

Today marks the continuation of our **2018 Stewardship Emphasis Season**. As you may have noticed around the church, our theme is **do. love. walk.**, and is based on Micah 6:8. The remaining three Sundays of October will each be centered around this theme: love. today, and walk. on October 21st. Our **Consecration Sunday** will be on **October 28th**, as we welcome our **guest preacher, Rev. Steve Scott**, who currently serves as interim General Presbyter for Salem Presbytery. As we embark on this important season of the church, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in response to all that God has given you.

We welcome to our worship this morning **James Allegretto**, who is Alamance District Representative of the **Boy Scouts of America**.

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.

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

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	Joan Richardson	Joey Leake
Shirley Lane	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	Levi Byrd	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas
Katherine Turner	Randy Thompson	Susie Hunley
Deanna Yates	Foy Bayliff	Bill Abplanalp

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.

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 October are **Karen Maxwell** and **A. J. Campbell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- Stewardship Emphasis Season II
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Tuesday, the 16th:

- 7:00 – Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, the 17th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 21st:

- Stewardship Emphasis Season III
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

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Jean Payne

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