



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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October 28, 2018 – 11:00 am

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Consecration Sunday



*“He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah 6:8 (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: *Jesus is Lord*

J. INNES

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:** *Join Hearts and Voices*

DUKE STREET

*Join hearts and voices as we lift our gratitude for every gift,
And multiply each gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.
Our gifts, no matter what their worth, we give as stewards here on earth.
Called and empowered by God’s command, we multiply the gifts at hand.
All praise to Christ, the living bread by which our hungry souls are fed.
Salvation’s cup is offered too, as God in Christ makes all things new.
So may we answer Christ’s clear call to offer talent’s, treasures, all.
God’s love abounding, grace on grace, enriches life in every place.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

With our lips and with our hearts:

we bless God in every moment of our lives.

With our ears and with our hearts:

we will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers, in every painful moment, in every broken place.

With every gift and with our hearts:

we will serve God and all of God's children, with every moment of our lives.

*** OPENING HYMN #461: *God Is Here!***

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

O Lord, Holy and Righteous God, as we come into the warmth of this sacred space, may we defer to your awesome character. It is you who formed us from the dust and it is to the dust that we shall return. While we are here on earth, let us be good stewards of the time you have granted us as stewards of your holy mystery.

Make us a people who embrace Micah's injunction: "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Help us meet the demands of our lives with devotion to you. Grant us courage to live with joyful obedience such that we may harvest an inheritance of eternal life.

When we cannot do it, God can! Anything and everything - our messes, the hurts we inflict on others, the way we stand around when we could be helping - God can renew, reshape, restore us. That is how much God loves us, this is why God calls to us to come and be healed.

Gracious and holy God, we admit that it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips, than praise for another. Our foolishness often keeps us from seeing the deep hurts and hunger of the suffering who are around us. We stand by the side of the road, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope.

We are not people who repent in ashes and dust, but we do know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness, our fears, our hurts. Healer of all people, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Take heart: God hears our prayers. Get up: God has healed our brokenness. Listen: God calls to us with hope, with forgiveness, with life.

Now, our eyes are opened and we can see; now, our ears are opened and we can hear; now, we can follow Christ into the kingdom. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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**

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: *Acclamation*

ROBERT RAY

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

*** A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices*

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**

AN OFFERING OF MUSIC: *Graham High School Ensemble*

JENNIFER WELLS, CONDUCTOR

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

A LITANY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.

Because of our faith in You, O Lord . . .

We acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.

Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives . . .

By becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things.

Help us, Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek . . .

And that You, alone, can provide.

Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts . . .

By sharing them for Your purposes.

Help us make Your priorities . . .

Our priorities.

Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ . . .

To put our faith into action.

Let us pray that as good stewards we will plan our sharing. As we plan the things in our lives that are most important to us . . .

Lord, help us plan our sharing of time with those in need.

Help us plan . . .

How to “give back” the talents with which we have been blessed.

Help us plan . . .

How to share our treasure to do Your work.

Our planning and sharing . . .

Demonstrates the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has in our lives.

Help us plan . . .

To serve our church, our community, and our world with Your gifts.

Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us. Help us, Lord . . .

Return a portion of all You have given us.

We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love . . .

And in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

We offer not only the “first fruits” of our financial resources . . .

But a generous portion of our time and talents as well.

Giving proportionately means it is equal for all of us.

According to what You have given us. You ask the same of each of us.

As we give proportionately . . .

Help us to put our trust, security and faith in You.

As good Christian Stewards,

We pray we have a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Amen.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Graham High School Ensemble*

JENNIFER WELLS, CONDUCTOR

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34; 28:16-20

Sermon: **Doing, Loving, Walking - and Giving**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1175

REV. STEVE SCOTT

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **PRESENTATION OF OUR 2019 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS**

* **CLOSING HYMN #276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

JIM STRATHDEE

* **POSTLUDE:** *Sing to the Lord*

L. SMITH

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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:

- The Gathering Hymn is from *A Singing Faith*. Words © 1982 Jane Parker Huber. Used by permission.
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

Today marks the conclusion of our **2018 Stewardship Emphasis Season** as we observe our **Consecration Sunday**. Our theme is **do. love. walk.**, and is based on Micah 6:8. We welcome as our **guest preacher** this morning, **Rev. Steve Scott** (see bio below). At the designated time in the service, you will be invited to bring forward your pledges and as a symbolic act of commitment, place them on the communion table. You are also invited to take one of the refrigerator magnets with your 2018 logo as a reminder of your commitment in response to God’s gifts.

We welcome our **guest preacher, Rev. Steve Scott**, who currently serves as Transitional General Presbyter for Salem Presbytery. As we continue through this important season of the church, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in response to all that God has given you.

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time ENDS NEXT WEEKEND!** Be sure to “fall back” one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, in order to save yourself from the humiliation of arriving a church an hour late!

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:

- **Consecration Sunday**
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / guest Preacher, Rev. Steve Scott

Tuesday, the 30th:

- 7:00 – Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, the 31st:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 4th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- **12:00 - Celebration Luncheon!**

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

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Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

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Ron Osborne

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