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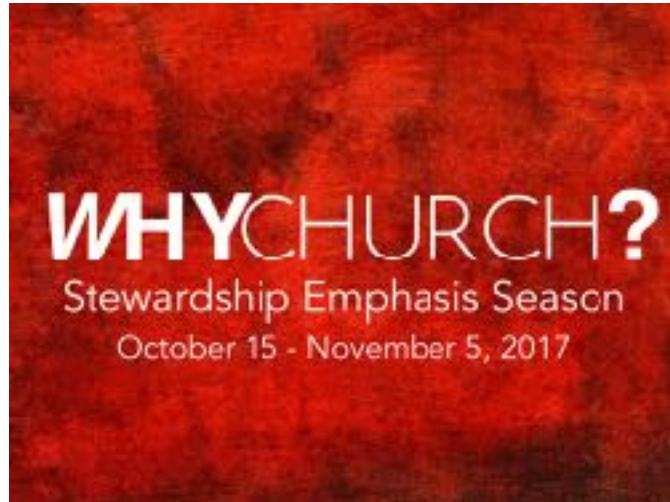
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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



“Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”

2 Timothy 1:13-14 (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: *Beautiful Savior*

P. DAVIS

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:** *Agnus Dei* (follow words on screen)

MICHAEL W. SMITH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather, as God’s people, bringing our fears and pain, knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

We gather, as God’s people, hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life, knowing that while friends may turn against us,

God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope, knowing that even when life seems tainted and traumatic,

God washes us clean in the waters of baptism. Let us worship God!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE #482:** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

NATIONAL HYMN

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

When we have lost the melody of your hope, you reshape the notes of our hearts; when we can find no resting place, you are the lap that cradles us; when we are held captive by our complaints, you free us for praise.

You only did what you ought to have done: traveling the empty roads of our world; listening to our midnight cries; overtaking us to shoulder our burdens.

As you enter our hearts to ease our loneliness: may we not forget who our protector is; may we remember the faith which has been gifted to us; may we be stewards of the good treasure that is ours.

God in Community, Holy in One, we lift our prayers as your people, thankful for those who have mentored us along the way.

Our faith has been placed in our hands by our parents and grandparents. But we know we have not always done what we ought to have done. Let us lift our prayers to the One who is always ready to place forgiveness in our hearts.

We stand before you in this moment and state what you already know. Our cheeks are carved with the tears of the pain we have caused. Our hearts are so empty we cannot comfort others. Our desires have taken us to places where we cannot sing your praises.

God, forgive us. Plant a tiny seed of hope that it might grow into a bouquet for others. Increase our faith until it spills over in thanksgiving to you. Fill us with the love that overwhelms all our complaints and rekindles our desire to follow faithfully Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

While our failures and frailty are fresh, God's grace has been ours before time began. This is great news - we are forgiven.

God plants the seed of faith deep within us, growing a harvest of grace and hope. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD AND QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

* QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Meritt by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being and example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do.

* SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING THE CHILD

Through baptism, Meritt has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Meritt, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE:** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* (see page 5)

WATERLIFE

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

IMPROVISATION

* **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

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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

AMY GRANT

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (Repeat)
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 IN MUSIC: *Ride the Chariot*

ARR. W. H. SMITH

*I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord.
I'm gonna ride in the chariot in the morning, Lord.
I'm getting' ready for the judgement day,
My Lord, my Lord.*

Are you ready my brother? Oh, yes.
 Are you ready for the journey? Oh, yes.
 Do you want to see your Jesus? Oh, yes.
 I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.
 Are you ready my sister? Oh, yes.
 Are you ready for the journey? Oh, yes.
 Do you want to see your Jesus? Oh, yes.
 I'm waitin' for the chariot 'cause I'm ready to go.
 I never can forget that day, ride!
 When all my sins were taken away, ride!
 My feet were snatched from the miry clay, ride!
 I'll serve my Lord till judgement day, ride!
 I'm gonna ride in the chariot to see my Lord!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: **Why Church? Reason Three: Mentors**
 Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

REV. JOHNSON
 PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1448

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* (see below)

WELSH MELODY

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* **POSTLUDE:** *Minuet*

HANDEL / L. SMITH

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

SENDING

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

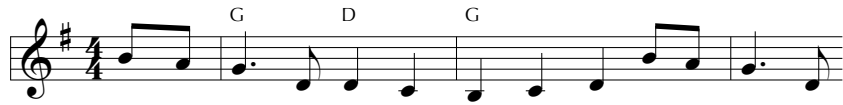
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

BAPTISM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."



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)
- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticsonline.com)

Today, we continue on our four-week **Stewardship Emphasis Season**. The focus of these four Sundays is designed to mirror the four ministry areas at Bethany, and will try to answer the question, "Why Church?" Here are the themes for each Sunday:

- October 15th: *Why Church? Reason One: Community (Worship)*
- October 22nd: *Why Church? Reason Two: Real People (Serve)*
- **Today: Why Church? Reason Three: Mentors (Teach)**
- November 5th – Stewardship Dedication Sunday: *Why Church? Reason Four: Money Matters (Support)*

This morning, our worship will include the **Sacrament of Baptism** and the **Welcoming of New Members** as **Erick and Salina Russell**, present their daughter **Meritt Cornell Russell** to be baptized. Please note that everyone is invited to a **Baptism Celebration** at the home of Erick and Salina (2167 Canterbury Drive, Burlington), following worship.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship **this morning**, for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee regarding election of elders for the class of 2020, and to act on a recommendation of the Session regarding sale of the rental property across Highway 87. **The Nominating Committee** will put into nomination elders for the Class of 2020, **Chip Allen and Sandy Cook**.

A reminder that **Daylight Savings Time ends next weekend!** Please remember to "**fall back**" an hour before going to bed on Saturday night, or you'll experience the horror of arriving at church an hour early!

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
	Ruby Martin	

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: **Stoneville Presbyterian; Cleveland Presbyterian; John Senior, Faculty, Wake Forest Divinity School**. 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.

All children and youth are invited to a **Fall Fun Day**, this afternoon at the Razz & Tazz Farm. Meet at the church at 2:00.

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:

- 5th Sundays @ Bethany
- Stewardship Emphasis Season III
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship with Sacrament of Baptism and Welcoming New Members
- 12:00 - Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, the 31st:

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

Wednesday, the 1st:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 5th:

- **Stewardship Dedication Sunday**
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Dedication of Pledges

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
Brandon Troxler

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