Bethany Presbyterian Church

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November 9, 2025 – 11:00 am
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN #478:** *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* HENRY FRANCIS LYTE

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (PSALM 98)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Lord;
Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;
Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

GATHERING PRAYER (HAGGAI 2, PSALM 145, 2 THESSALONIANS 2, LUKE 20)

Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us and the floor beneath us quakes, you firmly hold us.
As the world around us rattles, you erase fear from our hearts.
Whether on earth or in heaven, your loving Spirit endures.
It pervades the limitless reaches of your creation.
Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit, and still us during moments of uncertainty. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY #280:** *Amazing Grace* JOHN NEWTON

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us.
Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE (PSALM 145)

God's ways are just, and God's kindness is constant. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Beloved, God draws near to us with compassion and forgives our sins.
Thanks be to God, we are a forgiven people. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, open your word to your people today, and open the hearts of your people to your Word. Let us receive the truth that your Spirit is speaking to the church, trusting that it will nourish and strengthen us. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 145:1-5, 17-21 PEW BIBLE, 777

LUKE 20:27-38 PEW BIBLE, 1280

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC:

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***"Marriage and Resurrection"*** RICK PURCELL, CRE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***CLOSING HYMN #466:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* CHARLES WESLEY

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

***SENDING** (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17)

Beloved, God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose, God called you through our gospel so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, siblings in Christ, stand firm and hold fast to this good news. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, together with the Holy Spirit and God our Father, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

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** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible Study – Evie C. Marshall Room

Wednesdays, 10:00am Bethany Exercise Class - Evie C. Marshall Room

On Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom we will have our exercise classes. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Sunday, November 23rd h 6:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Service – Shiloh Presbyterian Church

We are joining Shiloh Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 23rd for a Joint Thanksgiving Service. The service is located at Shiloh, 2638 Grand Oaks Boulevard, Burlington, NC.

Tuesday, December 2nd Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library with be at Bethany on the first Tuesday of each month. The mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30.
Please stop by and "check-out" this wonderful service the library has to share.

Tuesday, December 2nd 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How can we help S.A.F.E. for during the **Fall months**? They are asking for **Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, 1 lb. bags of Rice and Spaghetti. Breakfast items (Cereals, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars), Children and Adult diapers and Feminine products.**
S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.
Consider donating your paper bags.

"Stuff a Roaster" – Help Bethany Help SAFE to provide Thanksgiving Dinner

SAFE food pantry has been given turkeys to be distributed to families they serve. Help Bethany "complete the meal" by sponsoring the contents of a large roasting pan. The pans will be filled with all the "fixings" to go along with the turkey to complete the Thanksgiving meal. You sponsor the roaster pan for just $15.00 – we'll do the rest! Our initial goal is to provide 25 local families with a meal! Sponsorship donations can be placed in the offering or sent to the church office – be sure to designate as "**STUFF A ROASTER**". Donations needed by **November 18th**

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, November 9th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom
11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Tuesday, November 11th 7:00pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th
10:00 – Exercise class
6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, November 16th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom
11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Session
Moderator: Rick Purcell, CRE
Clerk: Randy Cousins
Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

Class of 2025:
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
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