



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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November 11, 2018 – 11:00 am  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*



*“Naomi took the child and held him to her breast, and she became his guardian. The neighborhood women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They called his name Obed. He became Jesse’s father and David’s grandfather.”*  
Ruth 4:16-17 (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:** *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

S. F. SMITH

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

O WALY WALY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, take your rest this day.

***Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.***

Come, put your minds at ease.

***Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.***

Come. For this is the house of the Lord. It is here that you will find peace.

***Praise and thanks be to God for giving us sanctuary. Let us worship God!***

## 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:

**RUTH 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 336

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

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us.

***Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day.***

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference.

***We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties.***

Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others.

***Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace.***

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God.

***We are blessed by God's absolute love for us. We rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. Amen.***

### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLE TON

*All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
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:** *To Be Free*

E. SMITH

**\* THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #438:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

## 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

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *America, the Beautiful*

K. BATES / S. WARD

*O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!  
Glory, Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.  
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness, And ev'ry gain divine!  
O Beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!  
Glory, Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED:** *RUTH AND THE MATCHMAKER*

REV. JOHNSON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

**\* CLOSING HYMN #391:** *Take My Life*

HENDON

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE:** *The Thankful Heart Rejoices*

E. BROUGHTON

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# 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](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://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](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Homiletics Onlines* website ([www.homileticsonline.com](http://www.homileticsonline.com))
- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))

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  
Faye Campbell  
Frances Nolan  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney  
Rachel Poteat  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton

Diane Miller  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Willborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton

John & Ann Sutton  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers  
Pete Campbell

Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Ruby Martin  
Katherine Turner  
Deanna Yates

Norma Proctor  
Levi Byrd  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson  
Foy Bayliff  
Family of Pat Testerman

Ben Johnson  
Ruth Younts  
Alex Thomas  
Susie Hunley  
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.

Our weekly Bible study, ***Disciple Bible Study: Into the Word, Into the World***, continues to meet each Tuesday at 7:00 (except for the second Tuesday of the month when the Session meets.)

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for November are **Jean Payne** and **Brandon Troxler**.

The **Session** is reminded of their monthly stated meeting this **Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

This Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> is also the stated meeting of **Salem Presbytery**, at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock, NC. John and Rick will be attending.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Monday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Circle #3

Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

- Meeting of Salem Presbytery, Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church, Boone, NC
- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 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

Brandon Troxler

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Sandy Cook

Karen Maxwell

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