Bethany Presbyterian Church

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November 16, 2025 – 11:00 am
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

Temple Rubble

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 #379:** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* EDWARD MOTE

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. **(Refrain)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER (ISAIAH 12, LUKE 21)

Loving and Merciful God, we give you thanks.
You bring us strength, when we feel weak; courage, when we cannot stand.
You fill our hearts with glory and bless our being with your grace.
You protect our lives.
In your care, not one hair on our heads shall perish, nor the smallest flutter of peace perish in our souls. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

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

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
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 #281:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* WILLIAM WILLIAMS

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES (PSALM 32:5)

The psalmist wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin." Let us not hide our sins from God, but confess before God and one another, assured of God's gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE (PSALM 103:11-12)

"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him."
"As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us."
Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"
Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 12 PEW BIBLE, 848

LUKE 21:5-19 PEW BIBLE, 1281

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire* MOSES HOGAN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***"What To Do When The World Is On Fire"*** 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 #554:** *Let All Things Now Living* KATHERINE K. DAVIS

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforce. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depth of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

***SENDING**

Go out to love and serve the Lord. Now may the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Peace" *Composed by Christopher A. Bagley*

POSTLUDE:

** 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.

Saturday, November 22nd Celebration of Life for Christopher Bagley Victoria, Va.
Please join us in celebrating the life of Chris Bagley. See Tina Patterson for travel details.

Sunday, November 23rd 11:00am Stewardship Sunday
We will be blessing our pledges on this Sunday as part of our Stewardship Season. Please join us for lunch after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Sunday, December 14th 11:00am Christmas Cantata
Our choir will bless us with a Christmas Cantata.

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 16th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, November 19th

10:00 – Exercise class

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23rd - Christ the King/Reign of Christ - Stewardship Sunday

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream). Stewardship Lunch after service

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