



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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January 14, 2018 – 11:00 am
Second Sunday after Epiphany



*“Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, ‘Samuel, Samuel!’
Samuel said, ‘Speak. Your servant is listening.’”
1 Samuel 3:10 (CEB)*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

There have been some famous phone calls in history -- like the one from Nixon to the astronauts on the moon. Of course, the first one from Bell to Watson was special. Then there was the phone call from a night watchman named Frank Wills that alerted authorities to a problem in a suite of the Watergate complex. A long time ago, a little boy in the temple had a hard time taking a call, but when he did, he had the right response: “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Bring Them In*

T. BIRCHWOOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Love of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* **GATHERING SONG:** *Lord, Be Glorified*

KIRKPATRICK

*In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In our homes, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.
In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,
"Here I am!"

Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,
"Here I am!"

Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day, and we answer,
"Here I am!"

*** OPENING HYMN #525: *Here I Am, Lord***

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us: you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands, and turn us around so we can follow you home.

It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you, God-who-invites-us-to-follow: you remove our fears with your compassion, you take away our doubts with complete acceptance of who we are.

It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words, God-who-speaks-to-us: you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we listen with eager hope.

God in Community, Holy in One, continue to call us by name, even as we pray.

We break our word - God knows; we hurt another - God knows; we ignore the needy - God knows. God also knows the sins we try to hide, even from ourselves. Let us confess to the One who has called us and will make us whole.

How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you, Seeing God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while daintily sipping at your living water. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping you won't see us and expect us to get up and follow Jesus.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Your grace mends our brokenness, making us whole; your compassion removes our sin, making us new; your voice speaks tenderly to us, silencing our pride; your Love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, redeeming our lives.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: look! God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: look! God is there! in the shadows, in the light: look! God is there!

From the top of the mountains, to the bottom of the seas; in the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! Thanks be to God. 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)

Fell 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 confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 God 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.

* **HYMN OF THE DAY #272:** *God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Seek Ye First*

K. LAFFERTY / ARR. J. PURIFOY

* **A DOXOLOGY:**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

* **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Let Mt. Zion Rejoice!*

J. B. HERBERT

*Great is the Lord!
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.
Beautiful for situation,
The joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion.
We have thought of thy loving kindness.
O God, in the midst of thy temple.
According to thy name, O God,
So is thy praise to the ends of the earth.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let Mount Zion rejoice!
Let Mount Zion rejoice,
let the daughters of Judah be glad!
Walk about Zion and go round about her.
Tell the towers thereof.
Mark ye well her bulwarks.
Consider all her palaces.
That ye may tell it to generations following.
For this God is our God forever.
He will be our guide even unto death.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Taking the Call*

Text: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

REV. JOHNSON
PEW BIBLE, PAGE 341

LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us* (see below)

GALILEE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *Marvelous is Thy Name*

R. HUGHES

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Jesus Calls Us 720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



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 **Brandon Troxler**. 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 Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticsonline.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.

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.

Please drop by the nursery to say hello to our new nursery worker **Caroline Wright**. Caroline is scheduled to be with us through the end of May.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elder: 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
Layla Benoklen
Ida Whitney
Rachel Poteat
Jeremy Harden

Diane Miller
Jack Cook
Polly & Dick Wilson
Teresa Wilborn
Tiffany Tauchren
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh

John & Ann Sutton
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy

Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Ben Johnson
Celeste Bayliff Agner

Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Sandy Cook and niece Rachel
Levi Byrd
Ruth Younts

Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Pete Campbell
Carolyn Thompson
Shelvia Russell
Ruby Martin

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.

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

Elders of the Month for January are **Nancy Purcell** and **A. J. Campbell**.

Attendance December 31: 43

Offering: \$4,048.00

Attendance January 7: 53

Offering:

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Monday, the 15th: OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, the 17th:

- 7:00 - Choir Practice

Thursday, the 18th:

- 6:00 - Men of the Church Oyster Stew

Sunday, the 21st :

- 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

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