



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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January 19, 2025 – 11:00 am
Second Sunday after Epiphany



"...there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee" John 2:1

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: *Teach Us Thy Word*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN/ARR. BY GEORGE BLAKE

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

FELICE DE GIARDINI

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise:
Father, all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING SENTENCES**

BASED ON PSALM 36:7-9

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.

***We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink
from the river of your delights.***

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

***OPENING RESPONSE:**

This Little Light of Mine (one verse)

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*HYMN OF THE DAY #467: *How Great Thou Art*

CARL GUSTAV BOBERG

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **[Refrain]**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; **[Refrain]**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" **[Refrain]**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

BASED ON 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. **Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 36:5-10

PEW BIBLE, 690

JOHN 2:1-11

PEW BIBLE, 1291

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *All the Earth Will Sing for Joy (based on Psalm 100)*

RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Best Guest"*

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

THOMAS KEN

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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus, the Light of the World*

CHARLES WESLEY

Hark! the herald angels sing.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King,
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all you nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world. **Refrain**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Jesus, the light of the world. **Refrain**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.
Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Jesus, the light of the world. **Refrain**

***SENDING**

God's grace is extravagant and abundant,
Know this grace in your life
Share this grace with others.

May God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you this day and
forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Unity and Brotherhood*

THOMAS CHESTERTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, February 2nd 11am – Scout Sunday – Sanctuary

Our annual Scout Sunday service. Our Scouts from the Pack and Troops will lead us in worship on this Sunday closest to the anniversary of BSA.

Tuesday, February 4th The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, February 4th at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

Tuesday, February 4th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries 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

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

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of **January**? They are asking for **Mac & Cheese and Canned Soup**

S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.

Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, January 19th – Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Monday, January 20th – MLK Day – Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 22nd

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, January 26th – Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

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