



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Second Sunday After Epiphany



*“The headwaiter called the groom and said, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first. They bring out the second-rate wine only when the guests are drinking freely. You kept the good wine until now.’ This was the first miraculous sign that Jesus did in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.”*  
John 2:10-11 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Wedding movies are very popular and some very funny. But they’ve got nothing on Jesus. His first miracle at Cana set the mold for wedding stories. By restocking the bar at the wedding in Cana, Jesus not only brought a beautiful wedding back from the brink of disaster, he kicked off a wedding celebration of his own so insanely awesome that it’s still rocking and resonating to this day.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Footsteps of Jesus*

L. 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 #469:** *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this day, Precious God, as people in need of your steadfast love:

***with you is the fountain of life; in your Light we see light.***

We gather this day, Water-changing God, as people looking for signs:

***with you is the fountain of grace; in your Hope we see hope.***

We worship this day, Gifting God, as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:  
***with you is the fountain of joy; in your Life we see life.***

\* **OPENING HYMN #229:** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

As God has spoken through the prophets,  
***God speaks now to us.***  
Hear the word of the Lord.

### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:

**JOHN 2:1-11**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1291

This is the promise of God to our ancestors and to us.  
***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

God of all good gifts, we thank you and praise you. Your Spirit has touched our lives, bringing wisdom, ability, strength, courage, and passion. Enable us to use our gifts in service to you and to others.

***In all that we do, and in all that we are, may your name be glorified, that your kingdom will be with us and reside here on this earth.***

Lord, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today.

***We are tired, Lord, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, Lord.***

Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out.

***Lord, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. Lord, we need a miracle today.***

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven!

***Thanks be to God! By water and word, by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children. Amen.***

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

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
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. 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.*

**AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY:** *The Lord's Prayer*

A. MALOTTE

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* **THE DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

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**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:** *Honor! Honor!*

HALL JOHNSON

SYLVESTER ALLEN, SOLOIST

*King Jesus lit de candle by de waterside -- To see de little chillun when dey truly baptize.  
Honor, honor unto de dy-in' Lam'!*

*Oh, run along, chillun, an' be baptize. Mighty pretty meetin' by de waterside.  
Honor, honor unto de dy-in' Lam'!*

*I prayed all day, I prayed all night,  
My head got sprinkled wid de midnight dew.  
Honor, honor unto de dy-in' Lam'!*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED: ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A WEDDING**

REV. JOHNSON

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

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** *We Will Go Out With Joy* (see next page)

ANDREW AND HILARY DONALDSON

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

R. HUGHES

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

## We Will Go Out with Joy

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1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.  
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.  
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.



# 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 Online* website ([www.homileticonline.com](http://www.homileticonline.com))
- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.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 Randy Cousins)

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  
Deanna Yates  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels

Diane Miller  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson

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

Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Ruby Martin  
Katherine Turner  
Foy Bayliff

Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Levi Byrd  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson  
Bill Abplanalp

Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Ruth Younts  
Alex Thomas  
Susie Hunley  
Robert Sykes

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

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***, has resumed its normal schedule, meeting on each Tuesday (except for the second Tuesday of the month) at 7:00 here at the church. The second part of the study focuses on Luke and Acts.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

Elders of the Month for January are **Chip Allen** and **Ron Osborne**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- 7:00 - Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 27<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 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

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