



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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January 24, 2021 – 11:00 am

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*



*“News of him spread even more and huge crowds gathered to listen and to be healed from their illnesses.  
But Jesus would withdraw to deserted places for prayer.”  
Luke 5:15-16 (CEB)*

## 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.*

### PRELUDE: *The Lord’s My Shepherd*

PATRICIA LOU HARRIS

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word of the Lord came,  
***hope for all people cradled in his arms.***  
The Word of the Lord comes,  
***calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.***  
The Word of the Lord will come,  
***gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.***

#### \* OPENING HYMN #442: *The Church’s One Foundation*

AURELIA

*The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.  
Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

##### LUKE 5:12-16

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

***Thanks be to God!***

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

When we try to ward off your call to proclaim the kingdom's good news to those we would never welcome into our tight circle, you remind us that we can never set boundaries on how far your mercy, your love, your hope will extend, God of persistence.

***Looking at your watch, you announce, 'it is time,' opening your arms to welcome all the outlanders we build fences to keep out of our lives, opening your heart to draw all the odd ones out into the safe shelter of your heart, Calling Jesus.***

Each morning, you break your fast with those for whom we have no place at our tables; each day, you set out to meet those who stand at the edge of our narrow-mindedness, to show them the path home; each evening, you take our foolish fears and gently blow them away from our hearts, Companion of Grace.

***We wait and trust in you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray.***

Now is the appointed time. Pour out your hearts to God, bringing those harmful words we spoke, the chances to help those we turned your backs on, and the foolish choices of our lives. Offer them to the One who longs to hear us, trusting that God will forgive us.

***Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them.***

Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Now, after we confess, we hear the good news proclaimed: God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!

***We will trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As the people of God gathered in these places, 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

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

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ, all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #377:** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*You have come up to the lakeshore, looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.*

*You only wanted that I should follow.*

*Refrain:*

*O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and, while smiling, have called out my name.*

*Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, now with You I will seek other seas.*

*You know that I own so little, in my boat there's no money nor weapons,*

*You'll only find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)*

*You need the caring of my hands. Through my tiredness, may others find resting.*

*You need a love that just goes on loving. (Refrain)*

*You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls that are waiting,*

*My dear and good friend, as thus You call me. (Refrain)*

## 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

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Doxology*

STEPHANIE BOOSAHDA / THOMAS KEN

CHRISTOPHER BAGLEY, SOLOIST

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***The Gospel According to Hamilton: Grace Changes Everything***

REV. JOHNSON

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

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

*Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

\* **SENDING**

Now, take the word of God into the world.

***We will place hope in the arms of others.***

Now, take the word of Jesus into the world.

***We will follow to serve beside him in all the broken places.***

Now, take the word of the Spirit into the world.

***We will bring others near to the kingdom where all are welcome.***

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

ROBERT HUGHES



# Our Faith Community @ Work

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). 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](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following @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.**

**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). A **Video Recording** of our Zoom Worship and our YouTube Live stream will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))
- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))

This morning we continue our new and challenging sermon series, ***The Gospel According to Hamilton***. The Broadway musical *Hamilton* was a smash hit and continues to inspire millions of people as it is streamed online, following historic attendance numbers not only on Broadway but in traveling shows. This musical is filled with amazing writing, but also with many themes that we will consider in connection with our faith. If you have not had the chance to watch it, it is available on the Disney+ streaming service, for a very reasonable fee. Here are the themes for our series:

- January 3<sup>rd</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: Legacy*
- January 10<sup>th</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: Forgiveness*
- January 17<sup>th</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: What Comes Next?*
- **January 24<sup>th</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: Grace Changes Everything***
- January 31<sup>st</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: That Would Be Enough*
- February 7<sup>th</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: Take a Break*
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - *The Gospel According to Hamilton: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story?*

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Shannon Russell  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Alex Thomas  
Stewart Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Carol Brooks

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Ida Whitney  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Christopher Bagley  
Randy Thompson

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Mike Sutton  
Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Grace Johnson  
Frank Wrenn

Ritchie Fishburne  
Janie Holt Clapp

Frederica Beatty

Sylvia Donley  
Karen Maxwell

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

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.

The **Virtual Winter Bible Study** continues to meet each Monday evening at 7:00 via Zoom.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for January are **Ben Russell** and **Bill Abplanalp**.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting and a Meeting of the Corporation** to take place immediately following worship this morning, for the purpose of approving the sale of church-owned property, and electing officers of the corporation.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 - Faith Formation (as scheduled)
- 11:00 - Worship (online only) - *The Gospel According to Hamilton Sermon Series - IV*
- 12:00 - Congregational Meeting and Meeting of the Corporation

Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Winter Virtual Bible Study (via Zoom)

Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup>:

- 9:45 - Faith Formation (as scheduled)
- 11:00 - Worship (online only) - *The Gospel According to Hamilton Sermon Series - V*

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Randy Cousins

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

### Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

Helen Brown

Tina Patterson

### Class of 2023:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

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