



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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January 26, 2025 – 11:00 am
Third Sunday after Epiphany



He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.
Luke 4:15

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: *A Quite Place*

JOHN M. RASLEY

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #260: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

MARTIN LUTHER

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord's favor!

May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

And may it all begin with our worship of God.

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 #166:** *The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise*

CHRISTOPHER L. WEBBER

The heavens above declare God's praise,
The work God's hands have made;
Day after day the tale is told,
And night by night displayed.

There is no utterance or speech,
No voice has ever heard,
Yet to all nations comes the sound,
To every place their word.

Forth like a bridegroom comes the sun
From its appointed place,
And like a hero runs its course,
Rejoicing in the race.

It runs from east to farthest west
To make its course complete,
And nothing in the world beneath
Escapes in scorching heat.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

In our day-to-day lives, we sin in a multitude of ways — by what we have done and what we have left undone. Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God our stark humanity. Let us offer our prayer, knowing that God is merciful and offers forgiveness to all who turn to God.

*Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be.
We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness.
Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us.
Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you,
O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.*

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting.
Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, may your Spirit be with us each, showing us your Word and your Way.
Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 19

PEW BIBLE, 677

LUKE 4:14-21

PEW BIBLE, 1249

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"One Day at the Synagogue"*

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 #593

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**

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, seeking to love and serve.
And may the love of God the Father, grace of Jesus the Son, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit
surround you now and always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

TOM BIRCHWOOD

** 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 26th – Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Wednesday, January 29th

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, February 2nd – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Scout Sunday, Communion, & Pennies for Hunger

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