



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

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*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*



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The woman, full of fear and trembling, came forward. Knowing what had happened to her, she fell down in front of Jesus and told him the whole truth. He responded, “Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace, healed from your disease.” Mark 5:33-34 (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. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today’s liturgy are from Kimberly Bracken Long, ed, Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Vol. 2, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015); and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Forgiveness*

DONALD F. CALLENDER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN #263:** *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

WALTER CHAMBERS SMITH

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

"BROKEN PLACES," ROB SMITH

Healing God, we come today seeking your presence in our broken places.  
***In our own stories, we have struggles, we carry burdens, and mask our shame.***

Help us find the courage to reach out to you in all the places –  
not just in the church, but also out in the streets.  
***May we touch the hem of your garment and be reminded of your words –  
that we are enough – that our faith has made us well.***

We invite you into our hearts and welcome the transformation you continually inspire!  
***Let us turn to you with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.  
Let us worship our God!***

#### \*GATHERING PRAYER

FEASTING ON THE WORD

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power  
and the depth of your love.  
You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments.  
You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts.  
You do not turn from our distress,  
but stretch out your hand  
to heal, to comfort, and to save.  
All thanks and praise be to you, O God;  
your steadfast love endures forever. ***Amen.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

#### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"HELP US HEAR," NATHAN WILLIAMS

God our Parent,  
your voice claims us as your people  
and calls us into new relationships  
with ourselves and others.  
By your Holy Spirit, help us hear your voice speaking to us  
through these words of scripture,  
and prepare us for your service,  
in Jesus' name. ***Amen.***

## ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**PSALM 131**

PEW BIBLE, 769

**MARK 5:21-43**

PEW BIBLE, 1221

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #357:** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

WASHINGTON GLADDEN

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"HEM," THOM SHUMAN

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

We know the words we have spoken which have  
broken a relationship; we know the deeds we have  
done which separate us from friends and families.  
We know how we have failed to be faithful followers of Jesus.  
Let us confess our sins, trusting that God  
will touch us with the healing power of grace.

*All too often, God of Excellence, it is the hem of sin we cling to, letting it drag us through the mud of fear and failures. You offer us that love which will always be with us, but we find it difficult to share it with those who need it most. You fill us with an abundance of gifts, but we think we need them all for ourselves.*

*Forgive us, God of Gentle Hope. You do not keep a list of all that we have done wrong, but erase our failings and foolishness, writing a new ending for our lives. You touch us with your grace, you lift us to our feet, you strengthen us so we may follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to all your children.*

*Silence*

#### **AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

This is the good news, dear friends:  
God's love has no ending;  
God's hope rests upon us each day;  
God's forgiveness restores us to new life.

*Our God listens to us – to our cries, and to our joys;  
to our hopes and to our hearts.  
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.*

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *This Little Light of Mine***

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.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

DAVE AND JEAN PERRY

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**Sermon:** *"Touching Hems and Rising Again"*

REV. PHILLIPS

**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.*

### \*CLOSING HYMN #276: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

THOMAS OBEDIAH CHISHOLM

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

#### **Refrain:**

Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. **(Refrain)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **(Refrain)**

### \*SENDING

FEASTING ON THE WORD

May God our Guardian protect you,  
Christ the Healer restore you,  
and the Holy Spirit sustain you  
this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

### POSTLUDE: *Rejoice With a Song*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.



# Our Faith Community @ Work

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 9:45 Bible 101 Part 2: The New Testament – Evie C. Marshall Room**

We're back this Sunday! With a brand New Testament! Join Jon and friends as we continue our Bible 101 survey of the Biblical text, focusing on how it is interpreted, its context, and its content.

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> 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

**Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Snow Ski with Scout Troop 9**

Troop 9 invites any Youth and Family to Snow Ski - February 4<sup>th</sup>

**MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Benes, [benes.nc@att.net](mailto:benes.nc@att.net), (336) 675-9086

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm, 4-6pm – Drive Thru Ashes – Parking Lot**

All are welcome to participate in this ancient practice of marking the sign of the cross with the ashes of burnt palm leaves from previous Palm Sunday celebrations as we enter into the season of Lent – the time of solemn prayer and preparation in the 40 days before Easter.

**All Day Throughout Lent – Stations of the Cross – Recreation Area**

The Stations of the Cross have been a part of the Lenten journey of Christians to express their faith in a multisensory way for centuries. You are invited to participate in this ancient tradition of remembering Christ's death by walking an ecumenical version in our Recreation Area this Lenten season.

**Thursdays Throughout Lent 11:30am-1pm – Drive Thru Prayer – Parking Lot**

Do you need prayer? You are invited to stop on by our parking lot on Thursdays from 11:30-1 for prayer with Jon or an elder throughout the Lenten season.

**Sundays February 18 – March 17<sup>th</sup> 11am – Lenten Worship - Sanctuary**

The season of Lent. Our Lenten Sunday worship will include extended periods of silent prayer.

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 11am - Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary**

**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Maundy Thursday Dinner Church – Fellowship Hall**

Come and join us for Dinner Church, a meal and liturgy around the table as we commemorate the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples. Come as you are and invite a friend – all are welcome!

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm - Good Friday Seven Last Words - Sanctuary**

A service of prayer and reflection on the Seven Last Words. Please note that there will be extended periods of silence and a darkened sanctuary during this service.

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 11am Easter Sunday - Sanctuary**

Our Easter celebration. Celebrate Jesus' resurrection with us!

## **This Week's Calendar:**

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

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

Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany and Communion

9:45 – Adult Sunday School - Bible 101 – New Testament Evie C. Marshall classroom

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

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