



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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January 30, 2022 – 11:00 am
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



"THE WOMAN AT THE WELL,"
ARTIST JANE, 2008

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one who is called the Christ. When he comes, he will teach everything to us."
Jesus said to her, "I Am—the one who speaks with you."
John 2:16-17 (CEB)

BRUNCH CHURCH

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to Brunch Church! Brunch church is a new take on a very old way of doing worship, based on the Agape Meals of the earliest church. The inspiration for this service is taken from the service developed by Grace Commons, a former Missional Faith Community of Chicago Presbytery, written by Rev. Nanette Sawyer and Rob Clearfield, which in turn is based on the Dinner Church practice developed by St. Lydia's in Brooklyn.

PREPARING THE MEAL AND THE TABLE

We prepare our tables at home.

GATHERING AROUND THE LIGHT

Welcome – we gather together to share a sacred meal just as the first followers of Jesus did. We will virtually gather around the candle and sing.

ALLELUIA

We will sing together 3 times

BLESSING THE MEAL

We bless our meal singing:

HYMN #513: *Let Us Break Bread Together (verse 3, sung twice)*

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

BREAKING THE BREAD

While Jesus was eating bread with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after giving thanks to God for it, he broke it, gave it to them, and said:

“Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me.”

HYMN #513: *Let Us Break Bread Together (verse 1, sung twice)*

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Holy food for Holy people. Share in the meal.

*We will now share the bread. You are welcome to take a piece of bread and, if you are seated at table with anyone, share it with one another saying “**This is my body.**” and passing it to the next person.*

BRUNCH AND COMMUNITY

Now, we eat together. We will utilize the breakout spaces of Zoom. The first part of our meal will be in conversation with one another in these smaller virtual spaces. Think of those you are with as your table partners in conversation. After a time, we will come back together to hear the scripture reading and enter into a time of Holy Conversation to discuss the text and continue eating.

THE READINGS

JOHN 4:1-20

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1293

JOHN 4:21-42

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1294

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY CONVERSATION

Our time of Holy Conversation is a time to discuss the text of the day while we continue eating. We will again utilize the breakout spaces of Zoom. If your virtual table has any questions or observations about the text you would like Jon to respond to, feel free to ask away using the chat.

Questions for discussion:

- What do you notice about this woman?

- She has traditionally been assumed to be a sinner, but nothing in the text actually tells us this. Her story could just as easily be tragic as scandalous. Through her story, she becomes the first evangelist to the Samaritans. How might God use our stories to connect with others?
- Jesus rather scandalously crosses multiple cultural boundaries in connecting with the Samaritan woman – both as a Jew and a man he was supposed to avoid her, and yet he engages with her. What might this story teach us today?
- This story provides an excellent example of a conversation that begins in vulnerability – Jesus is also vulnerable as a thirsty foreigner without a bucket to draw water. Could being open and vulnerable help us connect to our community in our time of transition?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chris will gather us back together with music. After we come together you will have a chance to share any insights from your “table” with the larger group.

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Fannie Crosby Tune: William H. Doane

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For our time of prayer, we will begin and end with singing **HYMN #471: O Lord, Hear My Prayer (verse 1)***

Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 When I call answer me
 Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 Come and listen to me

*... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 Oh, Lord hear my prayer
 When I call answer me
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BLESSING THE CUP

We bless the cup at the end of our meal, just as Jesus did when he was at table with the disciples. Please make sure you have your cup for Communion ready.

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and said, “This is the cup of the renewed covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink of it, do this remembering me.

*We lift our cups and sing **HYMN #513: Let Us Break Bread Together (verse 2, sung twice)**
 Then everyone drinks from their cup.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees;)
 Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)
 When I fall on my knees,
 With my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

CLOSING SONG

HYMN #398 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

CLOSING PEACE



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

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; on Facebook at 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.**

A Note About the Offering: As we are temporarily worshipping online only during this time, you are invited to make your contribution in one of two ways: mail it in to the church, or use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

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

Bethany Members

Linda Abplanalp

Barbara Cousins

Pat Kennedy

Joyce & Norman Mize

Nancy Sutton

Christopher Bagley

Sylvia Donley

Ron Kimrey

Shelvia Russell

Katherine Bayliff

Henry Flythe

Ruby Martin

Mike Sutton

Ida Whitney

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Christy Lutterloh

Diane Miller

Peter Slater

Alex Thomas

Deborah & Larry

Janie Holt Clapp

Ben Johnson

Gaynell McCollum

Norma Proctor

John & Ann Sutton

Randy Thompson

Cindy Uzzo

Don Burenhiede

Jack Cook

Grace Johnson

Anne McDaniels

Shannon Russell

Tiffany Tauchren

Teresa Wilborn

Frank Wrenn

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) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

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.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Chip Allen, Randy Cousins, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for January are **Tina Patterson** and **Helen Brown**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Becky & David Eatmon – January 6th
- Nancy & Rick Purcell - January 23rd
- Joyce & Bobby Peele - January 24th

- Sarah Osborne – January 6th
- Joy Saleeby – January 6th
- Bill Abplanalp – January 10th
- Mike Sutton – January 17th
- Ellen Phillips – January 22nd
- A.J. Campbell - January 23rd
- Norman Mize - January 24th

Liturgist

January 2 nd	Chip Allen
January 9 th	Helen Brown
January 16 th	
January 23 rd	
January 30 th	

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (not meeting)
- 11:00 – Worship (Zoom)

Wednesday, February 2nd :

- 6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, February 6th :

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (not meeting)
- 11:00 – Worship (Zoom and Live Stream)

Session

Moderator: Rev. Jon Phillips

Clerk: Randy Cousins

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp
Helen Brown
Tina Patterson

Class of 2023:

Chip Allen
Randy Cousins
Shelby Smith

Class of 2024:

Karen Maxwell
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