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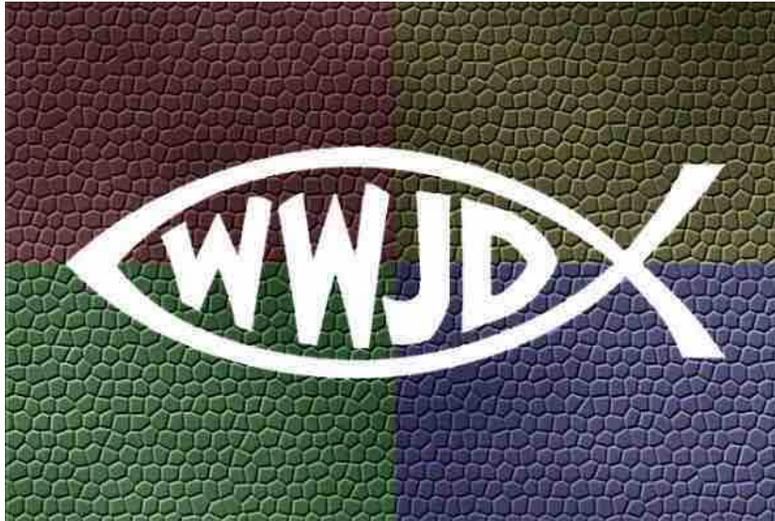
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February 10, 2019 – 11:00 am

*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany*



*“Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people.”  
As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.”*  
Luke 5:10-11 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don’t hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It’s not about perfect music. It’s not about the perfect prayer. It’s about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Tranquil Blessing*

M. BARTLETT

### 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:** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

PAUL BALOCHE / OPEN THE EYES

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

***People who are called, but afraid to follow.***

By God’s grace, we are who we are:

***People who are called, and gifted with courage.***

By God's grace, we are who we are:  
**People who are called, and given good news to share.**

\* **OPENING HYMN:** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

*"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"*

*"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

## 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:

**LUKE 5:1-11**

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

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1249

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Holy God, by your grace: you touch our fears with the fire of your compassion; you touch our brokenness with the fire of your forgiveness; you touch our hearts with the fire of your love.

**Jesus Christ, by your grace: you step into our lives and an unpredictable journey begins; you challenge us to new thinking, with overflowing results; you so confront our doubts that we can cast out our fears.**

Holy Spirit, by your grace: you give us eyes to see the emptiness of our world; you give us ears to hear the good news; you give us words to bring hope to all people.

**God in Community, Holy in One, by your grace we are who we are: your children, your people, your church.**

Do not be afraid! Whatever you fear, God is ready to take away from you; whatever you have said, God is ready to speak mercy to you; whatever you have done, God is ready to forgive you.

**God enthroned in heaven: most of us would not consider ourselves to be holy. We think of others as inconveniences or intrusions, not as sisters or brothers. We look at others with pride or spite, not through the eyes of compassion. We are so busy listening to ourselves, we cannot hear the anguish and loneliness of our neighbors.**

Forgive us, God enthroned in our hearts. You have set us apart so we might be a partner with hurting people. We belong to your Kingdom so we might bring others in to live with us. We would risk following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who first risked calling us as disciples.

## AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The Holy One become wholly human so we might know love. The One enthroned on high endured the Cross so we might have life. Believe this good news: we are forgiven!

**By God's grace, we are who we are: forgiven and restored people. Thanks be to God.**

### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*  
*I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*  
*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" Since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

### \* 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:** *Steal Away*

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL

### \* A DOXOLOGY: *We Lift Our Voices*

DWIGHT LILES

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*  
*Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.*  
*All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.*  
*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.*

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Walk Along the Shoreline* (see next page)

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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:** *I Wanna Be Ready*

ROSEPHANYE POWELL

*I wanna be ready to walk in Jerusalem like John . . .*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED: WWJD**

ELDER RICK PURCELL

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

\* **CLOSING HYMN #377:** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

\* **SENDING**

God touches our souls,  
**so we may go to share the good news.**  
Jesus calls us to serve,  
**so we may drop our nets and follow him.**  
The Spirit touches our hearts,  
**so we may be fishers for people.**

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *Make Me a Captive Lord*

H. TURNER

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

## You Walk along Our Shoreline 170

1 You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un - known sea.  
2 You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.  
3 We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king - dom's name;

We hear your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.  
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.  
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.

And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,  
We spread your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,  
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,

then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."  
our boat a com - mon shel - ter for all found by your grace.  
to let your judg - ment heal us so that all may be one.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves.



# 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 **Brandon Troxler**. 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:

- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

John is away this week, spending a few days with family following the APCE conference this past week. In John’s absence we welcome **Elder Rick Purcell** to the pulpit. John and Debbie will return home on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual **Brunswick Stew Sale** is this week, with pick-up available **Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> after 2 pm**. You may place your order on the form that is in the Welcome Center, or call the church office.

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

Family of Faye Campbell

Frances Nolan

Shirley Lane

Ida Whitney

Diane Miller

Jack Cook

Joan Richardson

Teresa Wilborn

Tiffany Tauchren

John & Ann Sutton

Peter Slater

Joey Leake

Shannon Russell

Mary Moore

Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Ruby Martin  
Foy Bayliff  
Bill Abplanalp

Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Levi Byrd  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson

Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers  
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)

As per his Terms of Call that the congregation approved upon his coming to Bethany, John is scheduled for a **Sabbatical** in 2020. Articles in the past few newsletters have outlined some of the details. Each week, there will be more information shared in this space. If you have questions, please feel free to ask John, or the Sabbatical Support Group (Helen Brown, Ron Kimrey, Sandy Russell, and Tracey Troxler). Here's this week's tidbit:

- From Merriam-Webster's Dictionary: *sabbatical* - noun - a leave granted usually every seventh year for rest, travel, or research.
- From Salem Presbytery's Minimum Compensation Guidelines for Ministers: "In the seventh year of service, the congregation is encouraged to provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave (Sabbatical), continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing for pulpit supply in the pastor's absence."

The **Session** will meet for its regular monthly meeting **this Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.**

Elders of the Month for February are **Karen Maxwell** and **Tracey Troxler.**

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Elder Rick Purcell, preaching

Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:

- Salem Presbytery Meets / Guilford Park Presbyterian Church, Greensboro
- 7:30 - Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 17<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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