



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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February 16, 2025 – 11:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



“Blessings and Woes”

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: *Bring Them In*

TOM BIRCHWOOD (BASED ON SHEPHERD BY W.A. OGDEN)

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #264:** *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

FRED PRATT GREEN

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

(BASED ON PSALM 1)

Like trees planted by streams of water

Let us trust in the Lord

and meditate on God's Word

so we can yield good and bountiful fruit.

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 #363:** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me; (Walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; (Walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (with me)

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Who can understand the heart? Only God. Let us confess the ways we have turned from the One who knows us and saves us.

*Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness.
We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help.
We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls.
Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance.
Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen*

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

(BASED ON JEREMIAH 17:8)

Blessed are those who trust the Lord. When heat comes, our leaves will stay green. In a year of drought, we will not cease to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Lord tests the mind and searches the heart. In this moment of proclamation, O God, may our hearts and minds be receptive to you and your way. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 1

PEW BIBLE, 665

LUKE 6:17-26

PEW BIBLE, 1253

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

TIMOTHY SHAW

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Blessings and Woes"*

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.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

CLOSING HYMN #369: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***SENDING**

Plant yourselves by the streams of God's living water so you can prosper and bear good fruit.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, God the Redeemer,
and God the Sustainer be with you now and forevermore.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

ERIC LEWIS (BASED ON THE SPIRITUAL)

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible Study: *The Chosen* – Evie C. Marshall Room

We will be discussing what being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications – although it says even more about the Chooser than the choosees. We are loved because He's love. We are saved because He's merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen nation. Come join us and find out what does it actually mean to be Chosen.

Saturday, February 22nd Men of the Church Brunswick Stew

The Men of the Church are making their Brunswick Stew. Advanced orders are preferred and to place your order, see the sign-up in the Welcome Center or call the church office. It is \$10 a quart and pick-up is after 2pm on Saturday.

Tuesday, February 25th 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

Tuesday, March 4th The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of **February**? They are asking for **Canned and Dried Beans**. 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, February 16th – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany,
9:45 – Bible Study – The Chosen - Evie C. Marshall classroom
11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, February 19th
6:30 – Choir Practice

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