



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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March 13, 2022 – 11:00 am

*Second Sunday in Lent*



"Crossing Lines" - Claus Tom Christensen

"If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. I have given you an example:

Just as I have done, you also must do."

John 13:14-15 (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.*

### PRELUDE: *Here Faith Abides*

GERALD PETERSON

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus calls us to be his disciples.

***We take up the cross to follow him.***

Mark 8:34

**Refrain:**

Jesu, Jesu,  
Fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. **(Refrain)**

Neighbors are rich and poor,  
Varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are near and far away. **(Refrain)**

These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love;  
All are neighbors to us and You. **(Refrain)**

Loving puts us on our knees,  
Serving as though we are slaves,  
This is the way we should live with You. **(Refrain)**

Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with You. **(Refrain)**

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### CONFESSIONAL LITANY

*Our time of telling the truth about ourselves in Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:*

**HYMN 544** *"Bless the Lord" (Glory to God)*

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

For forty days and nights the rain fell,  
and the waters covered the face of the earth.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**HYMN 544** *"Bless the Lord" (Glory to God)*

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

For forty years the people wandered,  
seeking the land of God's promise.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**HYMN 544** *"Bless the Lord" (Glory to God)*

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain,  
learning the commandments of God.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

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and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness  
to hear the voice of God in the silence.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**HYMN 544** *"Bless the Lord" (Glory to God)*

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Nineveh:  
Repent, or in forty days you will perish.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

**HYMN 544** *"Bless the Lord" (Glory to God)*

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days  
and was tested by the devil.  
Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

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*silence*

Eternal God,  
as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ,  
so give us the grace of repentance  
that we may pass through the grave with him  
and be born again to eternal life.  
For he is the One  
who was crucified, dead, and buried,  
and rose again for us,  
Jesus our Savior.

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and bless God's ho-ly name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me in-to life.

**Amen.**

**A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE**

*Our Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Readings during Lent will be spoken with a sung congregational response:*

**HYMN 842** *"The Lord Is My Light" (Glory to God):*

The Lord is my light,  
my light and salvation:  
in God I trust;  
in God I trust.  
*(sung 2x)*

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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in God I trust;  
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*(sung 2x)*

**PSALM 51:7-12**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 704

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*(sung 2x)*

**JOHN 13:1-17**

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1311

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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The Lord is my light,  
my light and salvation:  
in God I trust;  
in God I trust.  
*(sung 2x)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #94:** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

FRED PRATT GREEN

An upper room did our Lord prepare  
For those He loved until the end:  
And His disciples still gather there,  
To celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave His own;  
To share His bread, His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by His cross shall lift us up.

And after supper He washed their feet,  
For service, too, is sacrament.

In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace,  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
In every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

#### TIME OF PRAYER

*Our Time of Prayer during Lent begin and end a sung congregational response:*

**HYMN 471** *"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (Glory to God):*

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

*Time of silent prayer and meditation*

#### LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

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## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      Piano Solo      BEN LOGAN/BASED ON "ST. AGNUS" BY JOHN BACCHUS DYKES

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

**Sermon:** *"Crossing Lines"*

REV. PHILLIPS

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

**CLOSING HYMN #84:** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

JOHN BOWRING

In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake me:  
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

#### **CLOSING RESPONSES**

May the Lord guide you always, satisfying your hunger and thirst in this dry and weary land.  
*Amen.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices*

JOHN SCRIVEYNER/TUNE: "HARWELL" BY LOWELL MASON

*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

## **Hymn Story**

### **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

John Bowring wrote the words of this hymn. Bowring was a brilliant man who had a special gift for languages. He is reputed to have learned a hundred different languages during his lifetime, and translated poetry into English from a number of languages. Because he was brilliant and good with languages, the British government appointed him to a number of jobs that required him to travel throughout Europe as well as to Syria and even Siam — modern Thailand. He learned Chinese and served as the British governor of Hong Kong in the mid-1800s.

Some people say that Bowring was inspired to write "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" when he visited Macao, a Portuguese colony near Hong Kong, and saw a great bronze cross towering over the ruins of a cathedral that had been destroyed by a typhoon. Whatever his inspiration, this hymn that celebrates the cross of Christ has been a favorite since it was first published in 1825, nearly two centuries ago.

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# *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.

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***“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 have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; 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  
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Grace Johnson  
Anne McDaniels  
Shannon Russell  
Ann Sutton  
Randy Thompson  
Cindy Uzzo  
Don Burenhiede

**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.



## This Week's Calendar:

Today: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME START TODAY**

Second Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

- 6:30 –Choir Practice

Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> :- Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jon Phillips

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