



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

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June 9, 2024 – 11:00 am  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*



Apse of the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe, ca. 6th century CE

Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:  
'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom.  
Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.  
And don't lead us into temptation.'"  
Luke 11:2-4 (COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE)

## 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 Ruth Burgess, Summer: Liturgical resources for May, June and July, including Eastertide and Pentecost, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2020), and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

LUCY ANN WARRINER/BASED ON ANGELS STORY BY ARTHUR H. MANN

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*OPENING HYMN #441:** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

TIMOTHY DWIGHT

I love Thy kingdom, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode,  
The church our blessed Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God;  
Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,  
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given,  
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of Heaven.

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

Ps. 130:7

People of God, hope in the Lord,  
***for with the Lord there is steadfast love.***

**GATHERING PRAYER**

O God,  
you have assured the human family of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in him,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

## **OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL**

**A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**REVELATION 21:1-7**

PEW BIBLE, 1509

**LUKE 11:2-4**

PEW BIBLE, 1263

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

### \*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #275:** *God of Our Life*

HUGH THOMSON KERR

God of our life, through all the circling years,  
We trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
With us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;  
Be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
We follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
Our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"JUSTICE IS TOO HARD," TERI PETERSON

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

*O God, You are faithful to all generations – from the beginning of time, you have called all kinds of characters to be your people. When we forget that their story is our story, forgive us. When we admire them from afar while insisting that kind of faith isn't practical for us, forgive us. We confess that your justice is too hard for us to do, and we prefer to create our own. We confess that we do not bear the fruit you expect of your vineyard, resisting your kingdom's way when it conflicts with our desires. Forgive us again, and plant your word of justice deep in our hearts and lives.*

*Silence*

*Amen.*

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of our holy God that:

You are enough.

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

***Alleluia! Thanks be to God!***

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #372: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Jesus is All the World to Me*

ARRANGED BY DICK BOLKS

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Kingdom"*

REV. PHILLIPS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES," NATHAN WILLIAMS

### THE 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.***

### \*CLOSING HYMN #332: *Live Into Hope*

JANE PARKER HUBER

Live into hope of captives freed,  
Of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The Oppressed shall be the first to see  
The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see  
With insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades of pride and fear –  
A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,  
The right to speak, the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread,  
To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed  
From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
To faith and hope and joy and peace.

**\*SENDING**

"MAY GOD OUR CREATOR," SIMON TAYLOR

May God our Creator hold you and yours in the arms of his love.  
May Jesus inspire you in your loving and serving.  
May the Spirit guide you as you journey onwards.  
In the name of the Trinity of grace.

***Amen.***

**POSTLUDE:** *Go Tell the World*

ROBERT HOWELL

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# Our Faith Community @ Work

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Tuesday, June 18<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

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

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the next two months... they are asking for items for their backpack program. Things like low sugar granola bars, shelf stable fruit cups and applesauce, etc. Then, before school starts back, they are going to need peanut butter again, for Back to School.

### **Save the Date**

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School**  
**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival**

### **Invitation To Scout Summer Program**

All youth ages 5-11 years old are invited to attend our Scout Summer Program.

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Hike at Lake Michael
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Science STEM Slam
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Hike at Jaycee Trail Reidsville
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Hike at Bur-Mil Park Greensboro
- August End of Summer Pool Party

For more information contact:

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

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>                      Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>                      Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

After Worship – Reception for Glenn & Carolyn Thompson in the Fellowship Hall

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## Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jon Phillips

**Clerk:** Randy Cousins

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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Karen Maxwell

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