



## Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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June 11, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

Trinity Sunday



*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations . . . "*  
Matthew 28:19 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*The famous Danish furniture designer Hans Wegner once remarked, "A chair is only finished when someone sits in it." As Rybczynski tells it, the way we choose to sit and what we choose to sit on speak volumes about our values, our tastes and the things we hold dear.*

--From the description of Rybczynski's *Now I Sit Me Down* at Amazon.com.

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Holy! Holy! Holy!*

J. PRENTISS

### 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 #473:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is with us, right here and now.

***We open our lives to our creator.***

God cares for us and gives us glory.

*We open our hearts to our creator.*  
God appoints us keepers of the earth.  
*We dedicate ourselves to our creator.*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE #138:** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works, all around us.

***May your creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds today as we worship you and, always, as we strive to live in obedience to your will.***

Holy and eternal God, you created us in your image and gave us special responsibilities toward creation and our fellow human beings. You set us as caretakers for the earth and all its plants and animals. You anointed us as disciples and told us to make fellow disciples the world over.

***Dear God, as we look at our polluted earth, where we consume resources at an unsustainable rate, we know that we have failed to be good stewards. In many ways, we have failed to live as disciples ourselves, to say nothing of making disciples of all nations.***

We beg your mercy for our sins and await with expectancy the renewal of our minds and hearts, that we may devote the rest of our days to protecting the earth and making disciples of all nations in accordance to your will.

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

***The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.***

\* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355:** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from Heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!  
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

\* **SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***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 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.***

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #288:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *Come, Thou Almighty King!*

### \* THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS AND 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.*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

### MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #316: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.*

### THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Holy is He / Holy! Holy! Holy!*

*Holy is He and great is His glory.  
Holy is He and worthy of our praise.  
I stand in His presence amazed  
and crown Him with worship and praise.  
Holy is He, holy is He, holy is He.*

*Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within,  
Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again,  
Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray--  
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, the One I praise today.*

*Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide,  
Who knocks outside my broken heart till I let him inside,  
Who's life deserves the honor laid before his throne--  
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my all.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

### THE SPOKEN WORD

A Reading from Matthew 28:16-20  
This is Holy Scripture for God's people.  
***Thanks be to God!***

### SERMON: ***NOT MADE TO SIT***

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

TRENTHAM

CLONINGER / CLYDESDALE

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1214

REV. JOHNSON

# LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

\* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

THE CHURCH

## Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *Joy Unceasing and Infinite Praise*

T. BIRCHWOOD

\* *Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.*



# ***Our Faith Community @ Work***

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church. 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](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).

**Operating our audio and video systems** this morning is **Rick Purcell**. 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, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in this morning's worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *Homiletics Online* website ([www.homileticsonline.com](http://www.homileticsonline.com))
- *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal
- The Text This Week website ([www.textweek.org](http://www.textweek.org))

**Our year-long 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** didn't end with our wonderful celebration a couple of weeks ago. As has been noted before our theme scripture passage for the celebration is Isaiah 40:28-31, **Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher**. Mark your calendars for our final celebration events:

- **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Concert by renowned artist, **David LaMotte** ([www.davidlamotte.com](http://www.davidlamotte.com))
- **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Culmination of anniversary celebration / **Rev. J. Herbert Nelson**, preaching (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) / **David LaMotte** providing music / Anniversary luncheon following worship

Last Sunday we recognized and congratulated our high school graduate, **Morgan Troxler**, who graduated this past week from Jordan-Matthews High School. One of her gifts was a framed picture of the church, with space on the matting for folks to write a note of congratulations. If you did not have a chance to do that last week, the picture will be in the narthex this morning.

**Anniversary T-Shirts** are now available for purchase. There will be a table set up in the Welcome Center. Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted.

John will be taking some vacation time this week. He and Debbie will leave on Tuesday, traveling to California to visit their daughter and son-in-law (and grand-dogs!). John will be back in the office on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

In John's absence next Sunday, we welcome to the pulpit, **Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas**. Elder Glenn Patterson will be your Worship Leader.

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.

**To the parents of young children:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you must suppress those wiggles in God's house. **Please note that a professionally staffed nursery is available during the worship hour.** Here are some hints to make worship with your children more rewarding:

- Consider sitting towards the front where it is easier for little ones to engage. On the second pew nearest the choir loft, there are activities for children of all ages to keep busy with during the service.

- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.
- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me!"
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To adult worshippers:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sherrie Moore)

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Harold Baldwin
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Duffy Strigo
Steward Dillard	Infant Sadie Ruth Majors	Norma Proctor
Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Ben Johnson	Gloria Carden Woods
	Pete Campbell	

Each week **Salem Presbytery** lists churches and other ministries that we are to lift up in prayer that week. A complete list can be viewed online at the presbytery website: [www.salempresbytery.org](http://www.salempresbytery.org). On the prayer list for this week are: **Dianna Wright, Presbytery staff, Chair POAMN (Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network); Old Providence Presbyterian, Cleveland; Greenwood Presbyterian, Reidsville; Fifth Creek Presbyterian, Statesville.** Please keep these churches and ministries in your prayers this week.

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

**Young at Heart Class** (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

**Seeker's Class** (Church Office)

The Seeker's Class is currently using the *Wired Word* curriculum, looking at current events as they relate to our faith.

**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: Ron Osborne, Ron Kimrey, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for June are **A. J. Campbell and Jean Payne**.

The **Session** is reminded of their monthly scheduled meeting (a week early) on **this Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship **this morning**, for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee, whose task will be to bring to the congregation a slate of officers to be elected to the Session for the Class of 2020.

**THIS EVENING** will mark the second of our **T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Covered-Dish Dinner and Program**. Join us at **6:00** and bring your favorite dish for an evening of fellowship and fun. The program for this gathering is brought to you by the **SUPPORT Ministry Team**, and will be led by John. It will be a fun, informative, and entertaining evening as John leads us in an exploration of ***Computers and Social Media 101: Navigating the Net for Novices***. Bring your laptop or tablet as we explore a better and safer way to live in our cyber world.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 – Congregational Meeting
- 6:00 – T.E.A.M. Covered-Dish Dinner and Program

Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

- John on vacation

Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, preaching

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2017:

Ron Kimrey

Karen Maxwell

Sherrie Moore

### Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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