



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

www.bethanypreschurch.org

www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian

June 18, 2023 – 11:00 am

Third Sunday after Pentecost



All the things I do are for the sake of the gospel, so I can be a partner with it. 1
Corinthians 9:23 (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. 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); the Presbyterian Mission Agency, "8 Habits of Evangelism," <https://8habits.org/>; and LiturgyLink.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Jesus Calls Us*

LANI SMITH/TUNE: GALILEE, BY WILLIAM H. JUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HENRY VAN DYKE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

As we settle in to our pews in the sanctuary, or our couches looking at a screen, holding on to whatever it is that we bring to this space we make together, yet knowing we are to prepare our hearts and minds for worship, be with us.

Help us to make this space, virtual and physical, holy ground.

Bring us together throughout time and space to meet you.

And may our hearts be filled with joy and wonder as we encounter you.

Let us worship our God.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

FROM "OPENING PRAYER," BRUCE REYES-CHOW

*God of the chaos –
In the confines of a binary and calcified world
grant us the courage to embrace nuance in ourselves and others,
awaken humility that manifests generosity toward things we do not understand,
unleash the creativity of our souls that expands our experience of you,
and strengthen our resolve to persevere through the messiness of seeking justice in the world.
This we pray. Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Word, Light, Way," Lucus Levy Keppel

Divine Word, speak your love into our hearts.
Divine Light, shine your peace into our souls.
Divine Way, lead our lives in your hope. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 145:1-10

PEW BIBLE, 777

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

PEW BIBLE, 1395

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,
Whate'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 #388** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

JOHN ERNEST BODE

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self will;
O speak to reassure me,

To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"STORYTELLER," TERI PETERSON

God, you are a storyteller, and you made us in your image. You spoke, and you still speak, through unexpected people, through silence, through your word written and proclaimed through the centuries. We come to hear your story once again, to find our place among your people and within your vision for all creation. We hear You call us to share your story in our words and in our actions, but we confess that more often our lips are sealed. We are afraid to tell your story. We think we don't know enough, and we are afraid of offending. We prefer to keep you to ourselves.

Yet still Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Forgive us for letting the book gather dust on the shelf, and the story gather dust in our hearts.

Speak to us, and through us, Lord.

Help us to know you so well that we cannot help but love you, and to love you so much we cannot help but serve you, sharing your good news in every place, for it is in doing your will that we find perfect freedom.

Silent prayer

We pray in the name of the one who is your Living Word, Jesus the Christ. ***Amen.***

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of the Living Word that:

You are enough.

You are forgiven.

You are loved.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Spirit of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

SETTING BY ROLAND E. MARTIN NETTLETON –
AFTER BACH'S SUITE NO. 1 IN G FOR UNACCOMPANIED CELLO

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Habit 2 – Worship"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PASTORAL PRAYER

"IT'S A FUNNY OLD JOURNEY," LIZ CRUMLISH, "SPILL THE BEANS"

It's a funny old journey,
the journey of faith.
Does faith change or do we?
Those things that seemed so important
when we started out
have given way to other issues.
The deal-breakers
become the room-makers,
the passions we held
become mellowed
by the passage of time
as we learn and grow,
as our hearts swell with love.

As we begin to understand better
the God who lives beside us,
The God who will not be fettered
by any limits
that we place
on compassion.
The God who calls us
to ignore the limits too.

The God who promises that, one day,
it will all become clear.

But, until then,
we should carry on loving
along the way.
It's a funny old journey. Amen.

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 #539:** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

JOHN ELLERTON

Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;
And, now departing, wait Thy word of peace.

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light;
From harm and danger keep Thy children free,
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife.
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

***SENDING**

"BLESS ALL WHO WORSHIP YOU," DA NOUST

Bless all who worship you, O God,
from praise at dawn to sunset song;
from your goodness, you enrich us.
Oh, by your love, inspire us.
Oh, by your Spirit, guide us.
By your power, you protect us.
In your mercy, you receive us.
now and always.

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *Shalom to You*

ELISE S. ESLINGER

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

POSTLUDE: *Praise to God the Father*

FRANKLIN RITTER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 19th Juneteenth Holiday

The church office will be closed.

July 15 Neighbor Days – Vacation Bible School

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood for a one day Vacation Bible School for all ages! We have programming in the spirit of our favorite Presbyterian pastor, Fred "Mr." Rogers. Come join us (and Daniel Tiger too!) for a fun day of learning and playing together. Kids will spend time singing, making crafts, and learning how to be a good neighbor. Adults have an opportunity to study neighbor and neighboring in the Bible. Parents may choose to either spend the day, or part of the day with their kids or in the adult class.

All are welcome. Please register online at www.bethanypreschurch.org/neighbor-days-2023.html

July 16 Neighbor Days - Worship

We will continue our Neighbor Day celebration with a worship service in the spirit of Mr. Rogers. Let's worship our God and celebrate and serve our neighbors! Invite your family and friends!

July 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.

Bethany Scholarships Awarded

Thanks to the Katie and Lexie Glenn Scholarship Fund, Bethany awarded five scholarship this year. This year's scholarships were awarded to:

Bricen Bullis
Alex Harden
Lauren Kimrey
Macie Smith
April Troxler

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, June 18th - Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, June 19th - Juneteenth Holiday – Church office will be closed.

Wednesday, June 21st

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 25th - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

bethany presbyterian

love learn serve



Session

Moderator: Rev. Jon Phillips

Clerk: Randy Cousins

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

1500 S. Main Street
Graham, NC 27215

www.bethanypreschurch.org
336.227.4041

Class of 2023:

Chip Allen
Randy Cousins
Shelby Smith

Class of 2024:

Karen Maxwell
Kim Snyder
Tracey Troxler

Class of 2025:

Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Tina Patterson
Nancy Purcell

Staff

Transitional Pastor: Rev. Jon Phillips – pastor@bethanypreschurch.org

Chaplain: Rick Purcell – chaplain@bethanypreschurch.org

Director of Music: Christopher Bagley – music@bethanypreschurch.org

Office Administrator: Joy Saleeby – admin@bethanypreschurch.org

Bookkeeper: Pam Hurt – finance@bethanypreschurch.org

Scan this QR code for fast, safe, and reliable online giving:



Bethany Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

PLEASE RECYCLE THIS BULLETIN IN THE BASKETS PROVIDED AT THE DOORS.