



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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What we have seen and heard, we also announce it to you so that you can have fellowship with us.
Our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.
We are writing these things so that our joy can be complete.
1 John 1:3-4 (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: *Let Peace Descend*

LANI SMITH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING 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.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

Ps. 107:2, 31

Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice;
for the steadfast love of God, give thanks!

GATHERING PRAYER

"APPRECIATING THE LIGHT," TERRY GARLEY

Gracious and merciful God,
you have given us so many
precious gifts. The clarity of day
gladdens us from dawn until dusk.
The lights of the night enable us
to see our world differently,
set as it is among the stars
and the planets of space.

Holy and life-giving Creator
of so much variety and so many
dimensions, continue to guide us
towards that enlightenment which
only you can give us to value the
great and the small, the immensity
of your vision for us, the
limitations of our human views
and the ability to appreciate
difference.

God of light, foresight and insight,
you have revealed to us your gift
of a perfect humanity in Christ
and invite us by your grace to be
completed by him,
the light of your Word given to us
to be reflected in us.
Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"A GLIMPSE OF JOYOUS LIFE," ANDY JAMES

Most Holy Mystery,
open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts
as your scripture is read and your Word proclaimed,
that we might gain a glimpse of your joyous life
and join the dance of Father, Spirit, and Son
now and always. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 33:1-3

PEW BIBLE, 687

1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

PEW BIBLE, 1482

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 #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

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

***Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.***

***We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.***

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: *In the Garden*

Tina Patterson - Soloist

C. AUSTIN MILES

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Completing our Joy"*

REV. PHILLIPS

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #357:** *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

WASHINGTON GLADDEN

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

***SENDING**

"THE BLESSING OF THE GOD OF LIFE," RICHARD SHARPLES

The blessing of the quiet earth,
upholding you, strengthening you.

The blessing of the wind that blows,
inspiring you, exciting you.

The blessing of the fire that burns,
warming you, refining you.

The blessing of the water that flows,
delighting you, refreshing you.

The blessing of the God of life,
whom we come to know in Christ,
and who lives in us through the Spirit,
be yours this day, and always.

Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Glory to God*

GERALD PETERSON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday, July 9th 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

Saturday, July 13th Neighbor Days - Vacation Bible School

Hi neighbor! You are invited to join us for our all-ages Vacation Bible School that once again looks to everyone’s favorite Presbyterian pastor, Fred Rogers. This year we will have offerings for people of every age and you and your neighbors are all invited! For our kids, we will have age-appropriate curriculum based on our denomination’s Mr. Roger’s emphasis day materials. For our grown-ups, I will offer two sessions – in the morning: “Teaching the Faith to Our Kids,” and in the afternoon: “Women in Leadership in the Early Church.”

We are also looking for volunteers to help. Whether you’d love to help out or are interested in the topics for grown-ups, we hope to see you there neighbor!

Fundraising for a new hallway floor

You may have noticed the floor in first floor hallway could... use some work. Your Session has a plan to replace the worn and often broken tiles with commercial carpet squares which will look nice, be easier to replace should something happen, and that is becoming pretty normal in new construction and renovation. We’ve already secured half of the funding, along with a promise to match \$1,250. Which leaves us with the last quarter we need to raise - \$1,250. Any amount helps.

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, October 26th Fall Festival

Invitation To Scout Summer Program

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

- June 15th Hike at Lake Michael
- June 26th Science STEM Slam
- July 20th Hike at Jaycee Trail Reidsville
- Aug 17th 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 23rd Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – VBS Planning Meeting – Evie C. Marshall classroom

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

Wednesday, June 26th

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, June 30th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost & Helping Hand Fund Collection

9:45 – VBS Planning Meeting – Evie C. Marshall classroom

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

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