



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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“Sacramental Living”

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 Presbyterian Outlook- Order of Worship, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Here in the Bread and Wine*

PAUL DAVIS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #306: *Fairest Lord Jesus

ANONYMOUS

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LITURGY FROM PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

Let us sing to the Lord!

Our God has dealt bountifully with us.

The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation

Let us worship our God.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

FROM "OPENING PRAYER," AISHA BROOKS-JOHNSON

God of grace and grand invitation,

We give you thanks for you have set a table before us with love, joy and peace.

You invite us to be nourished by your presence, purpose, and power.

Give us the strength to taste and see that you are good.

Help us to know that you have declared that we are good and good enough.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism wherein you have named us and claimed us as your own.

Through your sacred waters, we have been sealed and set apart to reflect your goodness and your mercy.

We are yours, children of the covenant, people of faith.

This day and always, let the waters of peace wash over us again.

Let the waters of renewal revive us again.

Let the waters of justice and courageous compassion fill our cups till they overflow to the lives of all we meet.

***For the daily bread and cup that touch our lips and fill our bellies,
nourish and nurture us throughout the day.***

***For the moments when we see water and feel water, may we remember our baptism
and know that we are beautiful, whole, complete, and wholly thine.***

For those who cannot find daily bread and cup, for those who cannot feel and find water that renews, may we work, fight and pray until all may have their fill and be at peace.

In the name of Jesus we pray, *Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these words of Scripture, that they may reveal to us your eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 13

PEW BIBLE, 672

MATTHEW 10:40-42

PEW BIBLE, 1182

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 #359: *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

E. PRENTISS

More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of our relational, Triune God 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: *I Will Praise the Lord With All That I Have*

RICHARD TOWNS

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***"Sacramental Living"***

RICK PURCELL, CRE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today by inviting everyone who wants to participate up front to receive the bread and cup (we use gluten free bread and grape juice). If you are more comfortable remaining seated but would like to participate, raise your hand and we will come to your seat to serve you. We believe that Jesus invites everyone forward to his table to "taste and see," and so we proclaim that all are welcome to participate.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THIS PRAYER INCLUDES "TRINITY OF GRACE," SIMON TAYLOR

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN #321:** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

SAMUEL LONGFELLOW

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine,
Glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire;
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine,
Fill and nerve this will of mine;
By Thee may I strongly live,
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine,
Make my conscience wholly Thine;
Be my law, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

*SENDING

PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK

Now, let us go forth from this place
and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ.
Let us go forth to feed the hungry,
offer a cup of cold water to the thirsty,
and tend to those in need.
Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
And as we go,
May the grace of Christ surround us,
the love of God enfold us,
and the company of the Holy Spirit uplift us,
all along our journey home. **Amen**

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: *When I Can Read My Title Clear*

LANI SMITH/TUNE BY J.C. LOWRY

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, July 2nd - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost & Communion

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

Tuesday, July 4th - Church Office Closed – 4th of July

Wednesday, July 5th

6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, July 9th - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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