



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"Prayer is not a meek, contrived, and merely 'religious' act; it is the act of human beings who know how hard it is to be human. Real prayer cannot be faked. Its only prerequisites are sufficient self-knowledge to recognize the depths of our need, and enough humility to ask for help. 'Ask (Really ask! Keep on asking!) and it will be given you'—and is being given you already in the asking!"*

- from *Feasting on the Word* commentary by Douglas John Hall

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Ich Liebe Dich*

BEETHOVEN

### 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 #333:** *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

***We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.***

It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

***We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.***

It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

***We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 11:1-13**

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1263

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Holy God, you are our faithful lover, our generous parent, our patient teacher, our constant friend. We live by the hope of your promises, seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit, by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray.

***The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from shame.***

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you all us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us.***

We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go.

***Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.***

#### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! When we were buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him through faith in the power of God.

***By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal. In Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!***

#### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *We Are Forgiven*

HOPSON

447 We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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

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.***

THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***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 God 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.***

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *In This Very Room*

R. AND C. HARRIS

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #403:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *The Lord's Prayer*

A. MALOTTE

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Teach Us to Pray***

REV. JOHNSON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* **CLOSING HYMN #276:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

## \* SENDING

You have heard the words of peace and hope from God, so go.

***We will go to speak to those filled with fear and doubt.***

You have been reminded of the One who came looking for us, so go.

***We will go to search for all tossed aside by the world.***

You have been embraced in the love and grace of the Spirit, so go.

***We will go to open our hearts to all searching for hope.***

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* **POSTLUDE:** *Our Refuge and Strength*

D. CALLENDAR

\* *Please 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 (PCUSA). 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).

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**For our children:** Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

**Audio and Visual Assistance:** A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

**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, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *The Text this Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))
- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed!** We rejoice that we have a nursery attendant during our worship services. However, policy requires that there be two adults present at all times. We feel that it is important that this role not fall on parents all the time and that as a congregation we uphold our promise made at baptism to take part in the nurture and care of our children. To that end, we would like to ask for volunteers to be with Paige in the nursery during the worship hour. The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

Join us **this Saturday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00** in the Fellowship Hall for our annual **Shrimp-a-Roo!** Our Men of the Church will once again prepare a delicious traditional shrimp boil with all the fixins! Bring a friend and join us for a wonderful evening of great food and even greater fellowship!

Mark your calendar for two weeks from today, **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** as we will be led in worship by our amazing young people for our annual **Youth Sunday!** Our youth will share with the congregation their recent experiences at the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and the Montreat Youth Conference.

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.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Randy Cousins)

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Jack Cook	Peter Slater	Ruby Martin
Joan Richardson	Joey Leake	Shirley Lane
Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell	Ida Whitney
Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore	Katherine Turner
Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins	Jeremy Harden
Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy	Anne McDaniels
Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Mike Sutton
Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell	Steward Dillard
Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson	Shelvia Russell
Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas	Foy Bayliff
Randy Thompson	Robert Sykes	Ritchie Fishburne
Glenn Thompson	Jim McLean (John's brother-in-law)	Joy Saleeby

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

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. The Fellowship Class is currently participating in the *Feasting on the Word* summer series.

**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.

We are so excited to offer a new Faith Formation experience for the summer with our **Summer Sunday Series, *Feasting on the Word***. This study series will be held during the Sunday school hour for the months of June, July, and August, and will be led by the pastor. The class will be held in the classroom across from the offices, and will begin at 9:45 with refreshments and coffee, followed by the lesson. The unique feature of this series is that each session will focus on the scripture passage from which John is preaching on that particular Sunday. Hopefully, the engaging discussion will feed into a more meaningful and engaging worship! Here are the upcoming texts and topics:

- July 28<sup>th</sup>: Luke 11:1-13, *Teach us to Pray*
- August 4<sup>th</sup>: Luke 12:13-21, *Rich Towards God*
- August 11<sup>th</sup>: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, *Being Faithful*
- August 18<sup>th</sup>: Hebrews 11:29-12:2, *Running the Race*
- August 25<sup>th</sup>: Luke 13:10-17, *Bending the Rules*

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting**, to immediately follow worship on **next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**, for the purpose of electing a Nominating Committee, whose task will be to identify those who God is calling to serve as elders in the Class of 2022.

Elders of the Month for July are **Tracey Troxler** and **A. J. Campbell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 - *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 31<sup>st</sup>:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- 6:00 - Shrimp-a-Roo

Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- 9:45 – *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

### Session

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

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell  
Ron Osborne  
Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen  
Randy Cousins  
Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell  
Ben Russell  
Tracey Troxler

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