



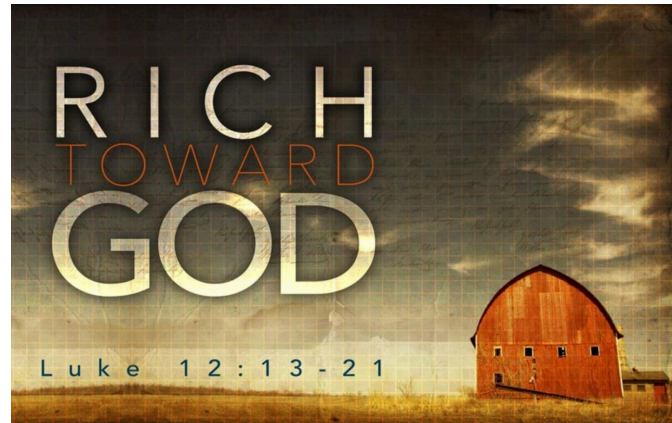
# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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August 4, 2019 – 11:00 am  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"The man in the parable and people who emulate his pattern of life are fools for leading isolated, self-absorbed lives, because everything they have given themselves ends with death. Life is not had by the possessions one has. Life and possessions are a gift of God to be used to advance God's agenda of care and compassion, precisely for those who lack resources to provide for themselves."*

- from *Feasting on the Word* commentary by Richard P. Carlson

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

R. LOWRY

### 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:** *I Love You, Lord*

LAURIE KLEIN

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

***we are here to thank you.***

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

***we are here because we trust you.***

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

***we are here to praise you.***

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

***we celebrate your grace.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 12:13-21**

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1266

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Bountiful God, who gives to us all that we need to sustain our lives: Open our hearts today to hear your words of compassionate justice, that we may focus on the ways in which you intend us to live and be of service to you by serving the world.

***Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle.***

We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope.

***Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world.***

#### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you may use them to help others.

***God walks with us and guides our steps as we reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. 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 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:** *Until Then*

S. HAMBLEN

#### \* 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 #422:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

S. TOWNSEND

*How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One,  
Bring many sons to glory  
Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that left Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished  
I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***Rich Toward God***

REV. JOHNSON

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

**\* CLOSING HYMN #555:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKER ALLE GOTT

**\* SENDING**

Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.  
***We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.***  
Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.  
***We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.***  
Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.  
***We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts.***

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *Firm in the Faith I Stand*

D. PAXTON

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\* *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 **Debbie Johnson**. 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.

Bill and Linda Abplanalp invite you to join them **this Saturday evening, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00** in the Rec Building to help celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Mark your calendar for next **Sunday, August 11<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:

- August 4<sup>th</sup>: Luke 12:13-21, *Rich Toward 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 **today**, 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 August are **Ben Russell** and **Nancy Purcell**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>: YOUTH SUNDAY

- 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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