



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

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*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*



## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to Youth Sunday 2019! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don't hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It's not about perfect music. It's not about the perfect prayer. It's about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PROCESSION:** *You Make Beautiful Things*

### AN OFFERING OF PEACE

God's peace is a blessing for each us. You are invited to follow as you are able as we come to know God's peace more fully.

**May the peace of God**

*(Lift both arms up)*

**Dwell in you richly**

*(Arms come down brushing against head and shoulders as they extend fully)*

**May the peace of God**

*(Bring hands to heart)*

**Be shared with your neighbor**

*(Extend right hand)*

**Both here at at home**

*(Extend left hand)*

*(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

\* **GATHERING SONG:** *Come All You People*

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*come all you people, come and praise your Maker;*

*come now and worship the Lord.*

*The Savior . . . The Spirit*

UYAI MOSE

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Please rise in body or spirit and join in our Call to Worship.

It all begins with God's love.

***Our world was created out of God's love.***

Let us share this time together:

***Speaking in love,***

Hearing in love,

***Acting in love,***

Abiding in love,

***Being God's love.***

# OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

## CALL TO CONFESSION

No matter how hard we try to follow, we find ourselves drifting from God. Sometimes we take big, intentional steps away. Other times we think we've been following only to look down and see that we are off course. God doesn't expect us to follow perfectly-there is always a path back for us. And it is in the returning that we come to know the powerful mercy of God.

We will pay particular attention to our prayer hands in the Prayer of Confession, and you can follow the movements of the leader as we pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we begin our prayer, we will have 30 seconds of silence. During this time, ask God to reveal how we are falling short of abundant life-both for ourselves and our neighbors.

Let us pray.

***Faithful God,***

***We offer ourselves before you*** (Hold out hands)

***You see our imperfections,*** (Turn hands over and around)

***The rough skin, the cuts, the***

***Dirt under our fingernails we***

***Try to hide***

***And still you love us.*** (Clasp your hands together)

***Guide us on your path*** (Circle hands around themselves and move them)

***That we may follow all of our days.***

***Amen.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said "I have come that you might have life, and may have it abundantly. "Let us rejoice in that abundant life and feel it fully within ourselves. For our Assurance of Pardon, we will use the spiritual practice of a breath prayer.

With your inhale, focus on drawing God's forgiveness inside you. Imagine the breath blowing away the dust of our souls, cleansing us and renewing us. As you inhale you might say to yourself,

*"Breathe in God's forgiveness"*

With your exhale, focus on extending God's great love to the world around us. Imagine the Holy Spirit in your breath, and you are sharing the Spirit with the world in your very breath. As you exhale, you might say to yourself,

*"Breathe out God's mercy."*

***Amen.***

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

*We are forgiven, we are forgiven, thanks be to God, thanks be to God. (Repeat)*

HAL HOPSON

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

W. HUBBARD

\* **DOXOLOGY:** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

MICHAEL W. SMITH

*You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love you (I will love you)  
All of my days (All of my days)*

*I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords)  
And worship (You are King of Kings)  
The King who (You are mighty God)  
is worthy (Lord of Everything)  
I will love and (You're Emanuel)  
adore Him (You're the Great I Am)  
And I will bow (You're the Prince of Peace)  
down before Him (Who is the Lamb)  
and I will sing to (You're the living God)  
and worship (You're my saving Grace)  
the King who (You will reign forever)  
is worthy (You're the Ancient of days)  
And I will love and (You are Alpha, Omega,)  
adore him (Beginning, and End)  
And I will bow down (You're my savior, Messiah)  
before Him (Redeemer and Friend)  
You're my prince of peace  
And I will live my life for You*

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#### **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**

#### **A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE**

**1 JOHN 4:7-21**

**JOHN 8:1-11**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1485

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1301

#### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

**ALEX MCCLAIN, REIS SMITH, APRIL TROXLER, MACIE SMITH, MORGAN TROXLER, SETH SMITH**

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

#### **\* CLOSING HYMN: *Lean on Me***

BILL WITHERS

*Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow.  
Lean on me when you're not strong I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.  
Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.  
You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand we all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand, we all need somebody to lean on.  
Lean on me when you're not strong and I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on*

*You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand we all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand, we all need somebody to lean on.*

*If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry  
I'm right up the road I'll share your load if you just call me.*

*Call me if you need a friend, call me, call me, uh-huh  
Call me when you need a friend, call me if you ever need a friend  
Call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me  
Call me if you need a friend*

*Call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me, call me*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE:** *Lift Him Up*

J. OATMAN

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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 **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).

Today is **YOUTH SUNDAY** at Bethany! We are thrilled that our young people will be leading our worship service this morning. They will be sharing their recent experiences at the Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference and the Montreat Youth Conference. Participating in today’s service will be: Macie Smith, Reis Smith, Seth Smith, April Troxler, Morgan Troxler and Alex McClain . Adult leaders are Rick and Nancy Purcell.

Join us this evening for our final event of our summer series **The Grill and the Gospel at 6:00 pm** in the Rec Building. John will be grilling burgers, so bring a side to go with that! We will also wrap up our discussion of Adam Hamilton’s study *“Why? Making Sense of God’s Will.”*

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  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney

Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson

Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers  
Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Alex Thomas  
Robert Sykes  
Glenn Thompson

Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Foy Bayliff  
Ritchie Fishburne

**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 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 will convene for its monthly stated meeting this **Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Salem Presbytery will hold its quarterly stated meeting this **Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>** at Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

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 / Youth Sunday
- 6:00 - The Grill and the Gospel

Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 – *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Elder Rick Purcell, preaching

### 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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