



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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August 12, 2018 – 11:00 am
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost and Youth Sunday



*“You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.
In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles,
then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues.”*
1 Corinthians 12:27-28 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship! 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

* GATHERING SONG: *Come All You People*

UYAI MOSE

*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.
Savior . . . Spirit . . .*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Shy, quiet, private . . .

We are all welcome here.

Loud, outspoken, opinionated . . .

We are all welcome here.

Wondering, wandering, lost . . .

We are all welcome here.

Frustrated, doubtful, full of fear . . .

We are all welcome here.

We bring our whole selves and nothing less.

And so does God. Let us worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer with all that we are.

*** OPENING HYMN: Here in This Place**

GATHER US IN

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young; our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, when we are silent, the voice of God is not:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

When we are afraid, the voice of Christ is not:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

When we are lost, the voice of the Spirit is not:

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old life has gone and a new life has begun!

Hear this Good News that is spoken today and every day – in Jesus Christ,

We are forgiven, I am forgiven, you are forgiven!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

In a time in history when it seems that peace and forgiveness cannot be found, we speak boldly back to the doubters and say, "There is another way." Let us share the Peace of Jesus Christ with one another, finding old friends and new with whom to shake hands, high five, hug, fist bump, shout or whisper saying,

Peace be with you - And also with you!

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those sitting near you.)

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Softly and Tenderly*

MORGAN TROXLER, SOLOIST

TRADITIONAL

* A DOXOLOGY (see page 5)

OLD HUNDREDTH

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Down in the River to Pray*

PHILIP ANTHONY LAWSON

YOUTH CHOIR

*As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown good Lord, show me the way!
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown good Lord, show me the way!
O brothers, let's go down let's go down, come on down
Come on, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown good Lord, show me the way!
O fathers, let's go down let's go down, come on down
O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown good Lord, show me the way!
O mothers, let's go down let's go down; don't you want to go down?
Come on, mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown good Lord, show me the way!
O sinners, let's go down let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray
As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown good Lord, show me the way!*

THE WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Luke 4:16-22

Reflection: *God's Voice*

SETH SMITH

Jeremiah 7:1-15

Reflection: *Difficult Voices*

APRIL TROXLER

Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection: *Our Voices*

MACIE SMITH

Mark 2:1-12

Reflection: *Silenced Voices*

MORGAN TROXLER

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Reflection: *United Voices*

SETH SMITH

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE #563:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*** SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS 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.

LEAVING TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN: My Lighthouse**

GARETH GILKESON / CHRIS LLEWELLYN

*In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea You are the peace in my troubled sea
My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore
I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore
Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms
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My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore*

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE: Unto All the World**

C. NEAL

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

We Lift Our Voices 710

We Are an Offering

F C F C
 We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 F C 3 Dm7 F
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
 C F C
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 F C 3 Dm7 F G7
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
 Em7 Asus A Dm7 F G Esus E Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
 F C B \flat Dm F
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our
 C F C F C
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 3 Dm7 3 C
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).



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 guest 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; on Facebook at 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.

This morning is **Youth Sunday** at Bethany! We are thrilled that our youth will lead us in worship this morning, exploring the theme of the recent Montreat Youth Conference, *“Lift Every Voice.”* Participants in the service today are: **Seth Smith, Macie Smith, April Troxler, Morgan Troxler, and Alex McClain** (Hawfields Presbyterian). Youth leaders and helping plan the service are **Rick and Nancy Purcell**.

John is away today, and will return on the 19th and resume the “Game of Stones” sermon series.

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 Sandy Cook)

We have been announcing for a while now about the new church directory project that we are working on, and now have some details. Currently, we are using photos that were taken for the last directory some six or so years ago. If you would like to use those photos, you don’t have to do anything. If you would like to update your pictures, you have two opportunities to do so. One of our members, **Salina Russell**, is an accomplished photographer, and has agreed to be available to take photos on **August 26th and September 2nd**, **(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!)** either before or after church. She will take both individual and family photographs. These will be used to update our directory, which we

hope to publish sometime in September. If you would like to view your current photo on file, you may contact Joy in the church office.

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Shirley Lane	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	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	Levi Byrd	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Betty Boggs	Alex Thomas
Katherine Turner	Glenn Thompson	Susie Hunley

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

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.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for August are **Brandon Troxler** and **Glenn Patterson**.

Did you know . . . that the cost of utilities for the church for one week is \$297.31?

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Youth Sunday

Tuesday, the 14th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 15th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 19th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 6:30 – Summer Movie Series – *Inside Out*

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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Chip Allen

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