



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



“When you call me and come and pray with me, I will listen to you.”
Jeremiah 29:12 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Gracious God, on this day we celebrate Bethany’s Presbyterian Women, the witness to the eternal love of Christ, remind us that we are responsible for caring for each other. We are called to lift up rather than tear down; to support rather than abandon, to reach out when others have turned away. Give us hearts of love that, in all places and times, we may be a witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Morning Song*

J. DENTON

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 #469:** *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, on this day we give thanks as we call upon your name.

We will make known your deeds among the nations.

We will sing your praises, for you have done glorious things in all the earth.

Today we will shout aloud and sing for joy. We declare how great thou art!

* **OPENING HYMN #377:** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

JEREMIAH 29:12-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 956

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, Christ who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So - friends - I invite you follow along with the prayer, considering the ways we have fallen short as individuals and as a community.

We know that you have called your people to service and works of justice.

Still, O Lord, we find ourselves asking, "Can we just do the easy thing?"

We know that you love the world and make us to love each other.

Still, O Lord, we find ourselves asking, "Must we really love, or can we just be nice?"

We know that you create the world in goodness and in compassion.

Still, O Lord, we find ourselves asking, "Do you not care that we are perishing?"

Where we have failed, O God, convict us.

Where we have sinned, O God, forgive us, and by your forgiveness, empower us to try again.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The Holy One who promises grace and forgiveness hears our prayers. As the crucified and risen child of God, our Christ understands our sorrow and our desired for reconciliation.

We are forgiven, forgiven indeed! Since that promise is sure, it is our call to live as God's forgiven, children and to share that grace with each other. Thanks be to God. 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 say from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

A LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Loaf, wafer, unleavened bread, cubed white bread, rice cakes, millet bread, breadfruit.

Wine, wine mixed with water, grape juice, tea, nut beer, coconut milk.

Tiny cups, common chalice, disposable, plastic, glass, paper; historic and sentimental, or common and every day.

Large, inner-city church with a diverse, culturally-rich congregation.

Small, country church where everyone is related in one way or another.

In a strip mall, on a hillside, in a jungle, is someone's apartment; bright, shiny and clean, or old, dirty and antiquated.

Chinese, Spanish, English, Hindi.

Swahili, Urdu, Portuguese.

Navajo, Mandarin, American Sign Language.

The words of Christ spoken by a pastor with multiple, advanced degrees,

or a bi-vocational minister,

or perhaps the only one in the village who knows how to read.

All around the world today people gather to worship.

Our differences are many; our similarities few;

But the one, striking similarity is Jesus Christ.

All those differences,

All those varied circumstances,

All those walls ...

They come tumbling down.

We are not so different that we cannot worship and celebrate in the presence of God.

We are not so different that we cannot share the common cup – even if it is miles . . . and many lifetimes apart.

We are not so different that we cannot set aside those differences – at least for a day.

And if we can do it for one day . . .

We can do it for two. And if we can do it for two days . . .

We can do it for three. And if we can do it for three days . . .

We can do it for a lifetime.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

* **A DOXOLOGY #422:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,

Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:

Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;

Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

D. TOWNER

BEACH SPRING

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *In the Garden*

C. AUSTIN MILES

I come to the garden alone

While the dew is still on the roses

And the voice I hear, falling on my ear

The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me

And He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice

Is so sweet the birds hush their singing

And the melody that He gave to me

Within my heart is ringing

And He walks with me

And He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with Him

'Tho the night around me be falling

But He bids me go; through the voice of woe

His voice to me is calling

And He walks with me

And He talks with me

And He tells me I am His own

And the joy we share as we tarry there

None other has ever known

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION #467:** *How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ.

It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Come, not because the Church invites you; it is Christ who invites you to be known and be fed here.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos . . . Therefore we praise you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all, God of each. All creation everywhere joins in praising you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who calls us to the Table of life. Hosanna in the highest!

Gracious God, we thank you that you come to us in the person of Christ Jesus . . . As we prepare to receive this meal, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be the body of Christ in the world, and then send us out in the power of the Spirit so that we may live for others as Christ lived for us. It is in his name and in his presence that we pray together the prayer he taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, You renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this meal strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #280:** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

NEWTON / AMAZING GRACE

* SENDING

To our day-to-day routines, weekly schedules, and long-term plans,

God sends us at this time.

To our familiar neighborhoods, workspaces, and homes,

God sends us from this place.

To our co-workers, partners, children, and friends,

God sends us with these people.

To the fullness of life with the fullness of the Spirit

God sends us.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **POSTLUDE:** *Revive Us Again*

W. P. MACKEY

* *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; 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.

Resources used in today’s worship:

- *Montreat Women’s Connection Conference* resources
- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources.

John is on vacation this week and will return to the office on this Thursday, the 10th.

Today is a special day as we celebrate **Presbyterian Women Sunday**, as well as observe **World Communion Sunday!** Worship will be led by the women of Bethany, and Elder Rick Purcell will preside at the table.

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
Tiffany Tauchren

Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore

John & Ann Sutton
Ruby Martin
Shirley Lane
Ida Whitney
Katherine Turner

Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Katherine Bayliff
Randy Thompson
Family of Don Boggs

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

Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Foy Bayliff
Ritchie Fishburne
Janie Holt Clapp

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.

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

Elders of the Month for October are **Chip Allen** and **Ron Osborne**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- **Presbyterian Women Sunday**
- **World Communion Sunday**
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 2nd:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, the 2nd - Wednesday, the 9th:

- John away

Sunday, the 13th:

- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 - Reception in Fellowship Hall

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
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