



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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October 10, 2021 – 11:00 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



“What is it?”

“Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.”

Exodus 16: 18 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Surely the Presence of the Lord/Great is Thy Faithfulness - Medley*

ARR. BY R. CHEEK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord will make a feast for all people
and destroy the power of death forever.

ISA. 25:6-7

Let us worship our God.

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:
her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
'til toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
***that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,***
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

JOHN 6:51

EXODUS 16:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1299

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 85

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

When we pass through deep waters, or go through times of fiery trial,
The Lord our God is with us.
With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us tell the truth about ourselves.

For failing to love others as you have loved us...
God of grace, ***forgive us.***
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...
God of grace, ***forgive us.***
For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...

God of grace, *forgive us.*
For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need...
God of grace, *forgive us.*
For losing heart and abandoning hope...
God of grace, *forgive us.*
For all the ways we turn from you...
God of grace, *forgive us.*
We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! As people born of water and the Spirit, we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun. God's grace is poured out upon us day by day. Come to the water and remember your baptism. Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #322: *Spirit of the Living God*

E.A. HOFFMAN

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

* A Doxology #428: *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

WILLIAM W HOW

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF THE DAY #508: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

LOUIS F. BENSON

For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that you love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore you
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church still waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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: *Hand in Hand with Jesus*

Instrumental Solo – Rodney Cheek

ARR. BY R. CHEEK

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"What is it?"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #539:** *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

DANIEL BEN JUDAH

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of Love!
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

*** SENDING**

Now the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without shame in the presence of God's glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be all glory, majesty, power, and authority,
Before all time and now and forever..
Alleluia!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *Thine is the Glory*

ARR. BY R. CHEEK

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

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.**

A Note About the Offering: As we have returned to worship as the pandemic has been becoming less and less a threat, we have continued the practice of not passing the offering plates at the time of the offering during our service, thus decreasing the threat of spreading germs. Instead, you are invited to make your contribution in one of four ways: drop it in the offering plate that is located at the narthex door (before worship) and in the narthex (following worship); mail it in to the church; drop it off at the church in person; or, use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

As the threat of the pandemic does ease somewhat, we are still not completely out of the woods. Recently the CDC adjusted the guidelines for wearing masks, suggesting that all persons - vaccinated or not - wear masks indoors in areas that are experiencing more infections. We will continue to urge our congregation to use their own best judgment in whether to wear a mask in worship, always remembering our hope to keep all worshippers healthy and free from infection.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

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

Bethany Members

Christopher Bagley
Sylvia Donley
Ruby Martin
Shelvia Russell
Robert Sykes

Katherine Bayliff
Henry Flythe
Laura Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton
Eleanor Thompson

Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Joyce & Norman Mize
Nancy Sutton
Ida Whitney

Friends of Bethany

Carol Brooks
Bill Faucette
Christy Lutterloh
Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Alex Thomas

Janie Holt Clapp
Ben Johnson
Gaynell McCollum
Norma Proctor
John & Ann Sutton
Randy Thompson
Frank Wrenn

Jack Cook
Grace Johnson
Anne McDaniels
Shannon Russell
Tiffany Tauchren
Teresa Wilborn

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

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) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

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.

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: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for October are **Ben Russell** and **Bill Abplanalp**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Sue and Ron Kimrey – October 12th
- Shelby and Danny Smith – October 12th

- Carolyn Thompson – October 4th
- Lila Dampier - October 7th
- Robert Sykes - October 8th
- Barbara Cousins - October 11th
- Pat Flythe - October 11th
- Salina Russell - October 11th
- Mandy Snyder- October 13th
- Lauren Kimrey - October 17th
- Lisa Donley - October 22nd
- Joan Perdue - October 22nd
- Eli Smith – October 24th
- Brenda Sykes - October 25th
- Christopher Bagley – October 31st
- Lou Crutchfield – October 31st

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

Sunday, October 17th :

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

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Session

Moderator: Rev. Jon Phillips

Clerk: Randy Cousins

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

Helen Brown

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