



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom." Mark 10:25 (COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE)

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. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here. Liturgy today was written by Philip K. Gladden and published in The Presbyterian Outlook.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

FRANKLIN RITTER/TUNE: CORONATION BY HOLDER

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #455:** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOOD RELIEF UPDATE

*OPENING SENTENCES

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship God!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that others may follow your path, also. Amen.

RESPONDING TO OUR PRAYERS

Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALMS 22:1-15

PEW BIBLE, 679

MARK 10:17-31

PEW BIBLE, 1230

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #579:** *Glory Be to the Father*

HENRY W. GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *I Surrender All*

JUDSON W. VAN DEVENTER

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine. **[Refrain]**

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me. **[Refrain]**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Trusting in God's gracious mercy through Jesus Christ, let us confess the sin that separates us from God and our neighbors. Let us pray.

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, "Come, follow me." Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus's call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Silence

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

BASED ON 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #324: *Open My Eyes That I May See*

CLARA H. SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *As the Deer*

MARTIN NYSTROM

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Where can your camel go?"*

RICK PURCELL, CRE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #544:** *Day is Done*

JAMES QUINN

Day is done, but love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope prevailing,
Calms ev'ry fear.
God, our Maker, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight:
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!

Eyes will close, but You, unsleeping,
Watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safekeeping
Still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide.

***SENDING**

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Christ Our Fortune, Christ Our God*

CHRISTINA BECKETT

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday, October 22nd Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

Saturday, October 26th 1:00pm – 4:00pm Fall Festival – Recreation Area

Our annual fall festival is back!

There will be food and fun activities for all ages, including face painting, balloon art, hayrides, games, trunk or treating. Proceeds from food sales will go to our Helping Hands Fund, which provides assistance for those in need in our community. We will be joined this year by several friends from the nonprofit community in Alamance County with information on their services.

All are welcome. There is no entry fee.

We need volunteers – please let Joy know if you are interested in helping.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of October? They are asking for **soup**.

S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.

Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, October 13th Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, October 16th

No Choir Practice - - Choir Retreat - October 17-20

Sunday, October 20th Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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