



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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October 17, 2021 – 11:00 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



“Hearing the Call”

“Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, “Samuel, Samuel!”

Samuel said, “Speak. Your servant is listening.””

1 Samuel 3:10 (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: *Dawn’s First Light*

DAVID PAXTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who love the Lord, God will deliver;
when they call, God will answer them.

Ps. 91:14-15

Let us worship our God.

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

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 20:21-23

1 SAMUEL 3:1-21

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1321

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 341

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

We are a people born of water the Spirit.
We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,
and to show his love to our life's end.

Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows,
God's faithful love endures forever.
Confident of God's grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves.

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the
burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.***

***In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your
commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe the good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

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

E.A. HOFFMAN

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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 #356: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ROBERT ROBINSON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

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: *Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light*

MARK SCHWEIZER

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Hearing the Call"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #538:** *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

JOHN FAWCETT

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For your gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad thy summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

*** SENDING**

The Lord bless and keep you
in your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Alleluia!

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *God of Glory*

STEVEN SCOTT

** 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 24th:

- 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

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