



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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November 14, 2021 – 11:00 am

*Recognition/Stewardship Sunday*



## ***“Remember Why We’re Doing This”***

*“But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”*

Amos 5:24 (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:** *Immortal, Invisible*

LANI SMITH (BASED ON THE TUNE, ST. DENIO)

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\* SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

Ps. 90:1-2, 14, 17

Lord, you have been our refuge  
***from one generation to another.***

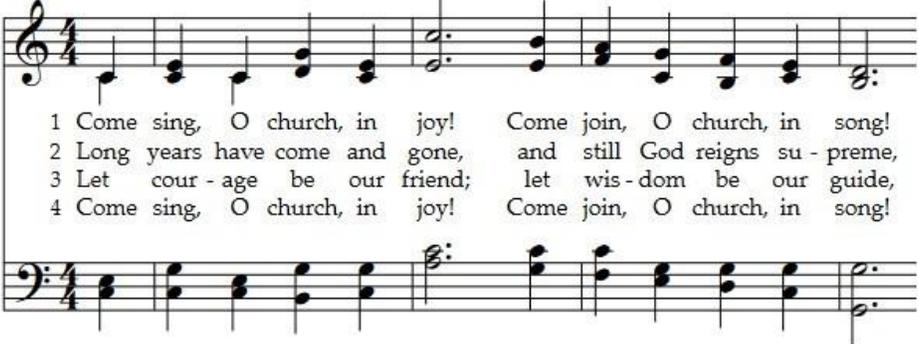
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,  
***from age to age you are God.***

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,  
***so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.***

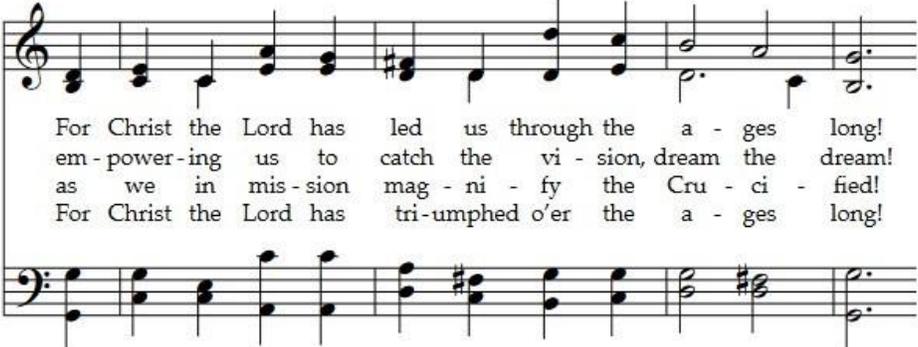
May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,  
***and prosper the work of our hands.***

Let us worship our God.

## 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

## 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 7:37-38**  
**AMOS 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24**

The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Beloved, we are called to live in right relationship with God by loving one another. Therefore, let us come together and tell the truth about ourselves to the One who pardons our offences.

*Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. When we ignore injustice in the world our worship brings you no delight. Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and the whole of your creation and sing your praises through the mercy of Christ, our resurrected Savior.*

## A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, rejoice and be glad, for God is mighty to save and comes to you in peace to forgive, restore, and strengthen you eternally in Christ.

*By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

### \* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE : "ALLELUIA"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord We Thank You, Lord We Thank You  
Lord We Thank You, Lord We Thank You  
Lord We Thank You, Lord We Thank You  
Lord We Thank You, Lord We Thank You

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

### \* A Doxology: *Thank You, Lord*

Thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, Lord.  
I just want to thank you, Lord

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY #446: *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

JOHN NEWTON

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for a blest abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove;  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near;  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which he gives them when they pray.

#### 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: *Glory to God in the Highest*

DAVID SCHELAT

#### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Homily: *"Remember Why We're Doing This"*

REV. PHILLIPS

## CELEBRATING OUR MINISTRY

#### CELEBRATING OUR SANCTUARY

#### LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer.

For the church universal, and for this congregation of your people, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them, ***we give you thanks, O God.***

Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future your promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live in the world for your reign, and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## CONSECRATING OUR STEWARDSHIP

### REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

CONFESSION OF 1967, INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE VERSION - 9.31-33

*To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.*

*The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.*

*The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN #442: *The Church's One Foundation*

S.J. STONE

The church's one Foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is His new creation,  
by water and the Word;  
from heaven He came and sought her  
to be His holy bride;  
with His own blood He bought her,  
and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;

Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet we on earth have union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic, sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
May live eternally.

**\* SENDING**

May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
By the power of the Holy Spirit.  
*Alleluia!*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE:** *Christ Our Fortress, Christ Our Cornerstone*

CHRISTINA BECKETT

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*\* 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](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://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**

Linda Abplanalp  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Shelvia Russell  
The Family of Eleanor Thompson

Christopher Bagley  
Sylvia Donley  
Ruby Martin  
Mike Sutton

Katherine Bayliff  
Henry Flythe  
Joyce & Norman Mize  
Nancy Sutton  
Ida Whitney

**Friends of Bethany**

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

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

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

**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 November are **Nancy Purcell** and **Shelby Smith**.

### **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

- Helen & Bill Brown – November 25<sup>th</sup>
  
- Randy Cousins – November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Reis Smith – November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Pat Kennedy – November 9<sup>th</sup>
- Susie Hunley – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Joyce Mize – November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Becky Eatmon – November 19<sup>th</sup>
- Nancy Sutton – November 21<sup>st</sup>
- Karen Maxwell – November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- John Snyder – November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Brandon Troxler – November 28<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>:

- 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  
Tina Patterson

### Class of 2023:

Chip Allen  
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