

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP****January 31, 2021**

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE**

“Abide with Me”

Hubert Parry

**WELCOME****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Happy are those who give freely to the poor, who nurture hope,  
and who trust the commandments of the Lord.

**People: God calls us to worship this day, and offers us grace, mercy, and  
righteousness.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

**HYMN #2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,

and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: The way of life is this: First, you shall love God who made you.  
And second, love your neighbor as yourself, and do not do to another what you  
would not want done to you. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring  
peace to our hearts and to the world.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**Holy and gracious God, you came to bring justice to the earth  
but we persist in oppressing others. You came to bring light to the world,  
yet we muddle on in a darkness of our own creating. You came to teach  
us your righteousness but we prefer our own well-worn habits. Have  
mercy on us, Lord, not according to what we deserve but because of your  
extravagant love, and mold us into the people you would have us be.  
Amen.**

Leader: Let us in silence ask for forgiveness of our own personal sins.  
(Silence)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**People: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as  
the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with  
gratitude and joy what you say to us today. Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 111 Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**ANTHEM**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ”  
Jeff Tabor, tenor

Eric Thiman

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Mark 1:21-28

**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

**HYMN #418**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

“Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH** Lay liturgist – Judy Price  
Leader: Let us remember to support Christ’s church.

**OFFERTORY**

“Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ”

Friedrich Zachow

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**As we offer our gifts, the fruits of our labors, we also offer ourselves to you, O God, as living sacrifices, ready to be your hearts and hands and feet in the world. Bless these gifts and us as givers, to your honor and glory, discipleship and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN #620**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress;  
praise him still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

**BLESSING****POSTLUDE**

“Festival Toccata”

Jeffery Jackson

**BETHANY CALENDAR**

|           |      |       |   |
|-----------|------|-------|---|
| Sunday    | 1/31 | 9 am  | Present Word – (Zoom)                                   |
| Sunday    | 1/31 | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast) |
| Sunday    | 1/31 | 11 am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)                       |
| Sunday    | 1/31 | 12 pm | Session (Zoom)  |
| Monday    | 2/1  | 3 pm  | Serendipity (Zoom)                                      |
| Monday    | 2/1  | 7 pm  | Stephen Minsitry  |
| Wednesday | 2/3  | 10 am | Staff meeting – (Zoom)                                  |
| Wednesday | 2/3  | 4 pm  | Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)                 |
| Thursday  | 2/4  | 7 pm  | Spirituality & Justice group – (Zoom)                   |
| Thursday  | 2/4  | 7 pm  | Choir meeting (Zoom)                                    |
| Saturday  | 2/6  | 2 pm  | Shepherding Walk (Henpeck Park)                         |
| Sunday    | 2/7  | 9 am  | Present Word (Zoom)                                     |
| Sunday    | 2/7  | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast) |
| Sunday    | 2/7  | 11 am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)                       |

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of January 31st  
– Charlotte.

The **Annual Meeting** of Bethany Presbyterian Church has been called for **Sunday February 21, 2021 immediately following the virtual worship service (on Zoom)** for the purpose of hearing reports, receiving the 2021 annual budget and the pastors terms of call, and for any other business that may properly come before the meeting. This will take place immediately after the virtual 10AM worship service.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

**REQUEST FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS:**

Are you anxious to get back into the sanctuary? Would you like to learn a new skill? We are looking for volunteers to assist in live streaming our Sunday worship services as camera operators. Please contact Ron Fisher ([rfisher97@gmail.com](mailto:rfisher97@gmail.com)) or Jim Hetzler ([jmshetzler@gmail.com](mailto:jmshetzler@gmail.com)) for more information. *COVID-19 protocols are followed for everyone's protection.*

**SERENDIPITY LIFE GROUP #3:** is one of the Life Studies groups at Bethany. The meetings are relaxed and based around passages from the Serendipity Bible. The discussions are not "heavy" and are relatable to our everyday lives and experiences. It is an enjoyable experience to get to know the other members of our church family. Any questions, please call Jack Bansbach at 227-1265. We are currently meeting via Zoom every other week, Monday's at 3PM, next meeting February 1.

**LIFE GROUP #4:** Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 3:00 in the Large Hall. Due to Covid-19 guidelines and session regulations, there is a maximum of 10 for in-person meetings. Please call Bev Bennett (585)-225-0206 in advance to sign-up.

**LIVESTREAMING:** If you have a Smart TV or connect to internet channels on your television with Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, Apple TV, or Chromecast you can add the BoxCast channel and view our Sunday Services live on your TV. Past services will also be available on the BoxCast channel, so you can get caught up or re-watch any time.



1. Add the BoxCast Channel to your internet-connected TV
2. Click on [Find an Organization]
3. Type: **bethany presbyterian**  
(Two organizations are named "bethany presbyterian", ours is the one with the picture of the sanctuary)
4. Click on our "bethany presbyterian" to select this channel
5. View a recent broadcast or live worship service here
6. Return to the BoxCast main page when finished
7. Bethany Presbyterian Church will be saved to the main page - just click for future viewing

Sunday services will continue to be available on Zoom and Facebook and you can continue to use Facebook chat for sharing your prayer requests during the service.

**New Boxcast Link** <https://boxcast.tv/view/bethany-sunday-service-391388>

Join Zoom by phone only by calling +1 (646) 558-8656 on your land line or (646) 558-8656 on your cellular phone (there may be a long distance charge) and enter the following Meeting ID# 243 911 4010 when prompted, followed by the # sign.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2439114>



We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

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