

# Bath Presbyterian Church

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**"Diversity and inclusion are about giving value to every human being, no matter our differences."**

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Time for Quiet Reflection & Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Music for Praise & Meditation

Welcome!

Announcements

- In the life of our Church
- Minute for Mission
- Sharing of Joys & Concern
- Covenant Church for Prayers: Wilmington Presbyterian Church, Pastor Stan Gockel, and Christian Educator Sara Maus.

**Call to Worship: (Psalm 65)**

One: O God, to you we owe hymns of praise; may our vows be fulfilled to you who hears our prayers.

**All: When we are overwhelmed, it is you who provides all things for us.**

One: Happy are those who choose you, those who draw near to you are pleased by your blessings.

**All: With powerful deeds of justice, you answer us, O God our deliverer. You set the mountains in their place and still the roaring of the seas. You calm the tumult of the peoples. Let us worship God!**

**\*Call to Worship in Music: "How Can I Keep from Singing"** (refrain only pg 821)

*No Storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

**\*Call to Confession:** We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join me as we pray, saying:

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison):**

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so

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tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God.

**\*Opening Hymn: #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**\*The Passing of the Peace** – Stay in your pew and display loving signs of Christ's peace to your church family.

**Youth Message**

**Opening Hymn – #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

**1st Scripture Reading – Joel 2:23-32**

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

**Music for Meditation**

**2nd Scripture Reading – Luke 18: 9-14**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself,

\*Stand if it's comfortable to do so

was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks Be To God**

**Sermon: "I Would Never!" Pastor Emily Haddox**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed (The United Church)**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People – 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Sung Prayer Response: "When We Are Tested" (tune - Be Thou my Vision #450)**

*"When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do."*

**Offering**

**\*Doxology** - "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn - #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

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**\*Benediction- (in unison)**

**One:** Here in this place, God transforms us into disciples, so we may share the grace etched upon our hearts.

**All:** Here with these people, compassion is written on our hearts, so we may join Jesus in bringing justice to all.

**One:** Now, in these moments, the Spirit is breathed into us, so we can be as persistent as God in bringing hope to the world. Go in Christ's peace, today and always. Amen.

**\*Postlude: #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

*"God be with you till we meet a-gain; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a Shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet a-gain. Amen."*

**Announcements & More**

**Mission Focus:**

- Michael's House: thru November 6

**This Week:**

- October 24 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5 pm

**On the Horizon:**

- November 5 – Harvest Breakfast – 9 am – noon
- November 5 – Women's Gathering Bazaar – 9 am – 3 pm

**Every Sunday:**

- Breakfast – 9 am
- Sunday School – 9:30-10:30

**Ongoing Events:**

- Wednesdays – Book Study – 11 am
- Food for FISH: Non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal care items



Thanks to Jonah & Madeline for helping us wrap colorful sticks to represent the diversity of ALL people - All colors. All shapes. All sizes.