

# THE LORD'S DAY

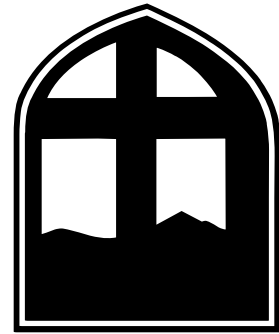
November 25, 2012

## WORSHIP SERVICE

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

# Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



# “Come,

and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
*Isaiah 2:3*

### MEDITATION

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:25*

### PRELUDE

*Before the Throne of God Above*

DUKE STREET

### †CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Isaiah 2:3

### ADORATION

†*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymn 68  
NICAEA

### †CONGREGATIONAL READING

Psalm 38:1-5, 9, 21-22

*The congregation will read text in italics.*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure!

<sup>2</sup> *For Your arrows pierce me deeply, and Your hand presses me down.*

<sup>3</sup> There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your anger, nor any health in my bones because of my sin.

<sup>4</sup> *For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.*

<sup>5</sup> My wounds are foul and festering because of my foolishness....

<sup>9</sup> *Lord, all my desire is before You; and my sighing is not hidden from You....*

<sup>21</sup> Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me!

<sup>22</sup> *Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!*

### †Gloria Patri

BETHEL PARK

*The words and music can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

Glory to the Father,  
Glory to the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Three in One:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be  
World without end. Amen.

### CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Before the Throne of God Above*

Text: Charitie Lee Bancroft (1841-1923)

Tune: DUKE STREET, John Hatton (c. 1710-1793)

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2. My name is grav - en in His hands, My name is  
 3. When Sat - an tempts me to de - spair, And tells me  
 4. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died, My sin - ful  
 5. Be - hold Him there! the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,  
 6. One with Him - self, I can - not die, My soul is

strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest, whose  
 writ - ten on His heart; I know that, while in  
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and  
 soul is count - ed free; For God the Just is  
 spot - less right - eous - ness, The great un - change - a -  
 pur - chased by His blood; My life is hid with

name is love, Who e - ver lives and pleads for me.  
 heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 see Him there, Who made an end of all my sin.  
 sat - is - fied To look on Him, and pard - on me.  
 ble I Am, The King of glo - ry and of grace!  
 Christ on high, With Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

### THANKSGIVING

†*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

Hymn 469  
MARION



**PETITION**  
†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 17:21-41  
Mark 11:1-14

†Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Hymn **399**  
ELLESDIE

THE SERMON  
The Tragedy of Apostasy  
2 Peter 2:20-22

†O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn **377**  
ANGEL'S STORY

† PRAYER & BENEDICTION

†Congregation will stand



Evening Prayer Service, 6:00 PM



**THE TRAGEDY OF APOSTASY from 2 PETER 2:20-22**

Ryan Martin, Associate Pastor

Apostasy is a total departure from the Christian faith. Having exposed the folly of false freedom in 2:17-19, Peter explains the tragedy of apostasy. The passage makes clear that turning away from Christ is actually worse than never hearing the Gospel. This requires a small excurses: can a Christian lose his salvation?

**Excurses:** Does 2 Peter 2:20-22 teach that we can lose our salvation?

1. Peter does not regard them as Christians.
2. The Bible says that God will save all those who truly turn to Jesus Christ believing the gospel.
3. Peter himself says in 2 Pet 1:3 that those who are true believers will reach future glory.
4. Peter uses the language he does to emphasize that those who fell away were at one time professing Christians.

Christians ought to hold two truths together: (1) We, as true believers, must continue on in faith and holiness by the gracious aid of the Spirit to the end of our lives; and (2) our salvation, which is by grace alone, can never be lost in Christ (Phil 3:12; 2 Tim 2:19; Jude 20-25).

This passage is a sober warning to us not to turn away from Christ. Peter gives us three reasons why apostasy is tragic.

1. Apostasy is Tragic in its Love for Sin.
2. Apostasy is Tragic in its Abandonment of God's Word.
3. Apostasy is Tragic in its Rejection of Jesus Christ.

Planned Hymns for Next Week:  
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (229); Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol); Hallelujah! What a Savior (289); Joy to the World (194)



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month & no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups  
Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.

To Our Guests: We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a *guest card* which you may give to Pastor Stiekes personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS**

**TODAY**—4:45pm, Choir Practice; 6:00pm, Evening Prayer Service with Ron Benzing

**TUESDAY**—7:00pm, Watchmen's Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**—6:45pm, AWANA; 7:00pm, Youth Bible study, Adult Bible study, & Visitation

**NEXT SUNDAY**—Sunday School Program; 6:00pm, Annual Church Business Meeting

**DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**—10:30am, Christmas worship service; 5:00pm, Christmas fellowship at the Stranges'

**DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**—Combined Sunday School Prayer service; Morning worship service with special choir presentation from Faith Baptist Church of Taylors, S.C.

**DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**—7:00pm, Christmas Caroling

	Nov 18	Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
General Fund	\$3,623	\$3,608	\$173,810	\$169,555
Missions	\$280		\$3,764	
Deacons Fund	\$0		\$6,685	
Building Fund	\$50		\$2,383	\$22,699

**NEW MISSIONARY LETTERS:** Frays, Cheloudtchenko, Blake

*Weekly Catechism*

21. Q. Into what state did the fall bring mankind?

A. The fall brought mankind into a state of sin and misery.  
Rom. 5:18