

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., NS
Sunday, November 1st, 2020
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 23:12

And whosoever shall
exalt himself shall be
abased; and he that
shall humble himself
shall be exalted.



Mission Statement

To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:
Jesus Christ is the head.

The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete word of God.

Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached.

The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation, and around the world in both word and action.

Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Service Music

Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Music

Moment of reflection

O.T. Lesson

Joshua 3: 7-17 (NIV)

7 And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. 8 Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'" 9 Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. 10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. 11 See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. 12 Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13 And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap." 14 So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests

carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 15 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, 16 the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Responsive Psalm # 107: 1-7, 33-37 (NIV)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story — those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

³those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.**

⁵They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

⁶**Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**

⁷He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

33 He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground,

34 and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.

35 He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

36 there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

37 They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest.

N. T. Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 (NIV)

⁹Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹²encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory. ¹³And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 23: 1-12 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ²“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³So

you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. ⁵"Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others. ⁸"But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Music

Moment of reflection

Sermon

A true servant

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Solo:

Risen Today

arr. William Cutter

Richard MacAulay

Offertory Prayer, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude

Announcements

We welcome everyone to this service of worship.

Our readers on Sunday morning are Gary Grant & Grace MacAulay

Letter

The minister sent out a letter on Thursday dealing with special services till Christmas.

Mission Moment – November 1, 2020

Mission Moment – Coaching During COVID-19

Ministry leaders had to adapt quickly to the changes brought about by COVID-19. In this new context, leaders need thoughtful, wise and prayerful approaches to ministry. In order to help PCC leaders think through and develop next steps, the PCC, with the support of funds raised through Presbyterians Sharing, offered free, one-time coaching sessions to ministry leaders. Many ministries from across the country benefitted from this support and were able to engage in innovative ministry during a difficult time.

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, November 1 Prayer – (All Saints Day)

We thank God, who has knit us together in one communion and fellowship, for the people who have gone ahead of us, who taught and loved us, who formed us in the faith and served as a faithful example.

Monday, November 2 We pray for the members of the Life and Mission Agency who are meeting this week to support the programmatic work we do together in Canada and around the world.

Tuesday, November 3 We pray for peace and unity as we remember those casting ballots on Election Day in the United States.

Wednesday, November 4 We pray for the wisdom to be responsible with the gifts God has given us so that we might live in right relationship with God, creation and each other.

Thursday, November 5 We pray for the Committee on Education and Reception as it considers applications from ministers and ministry candidates from other denominations seeking to serve God in the PCC.

Friday, November 6 We pray for members of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they serve God from a variety of theological perspectives.

Saturday, November 7 We pray for ministries participating in the Transform online course offered by the PCC. May God guide them to use the teachings to discover new possibilities for ministry

Readings for next Sunday

O.T. Lesson	Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
Responsive Psalm #	78: 1-7
N. T. Epistle Lesson	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
N..T. Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25: 1-13

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