

Order For the Public Worship of God

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:11-12

* If you are able, please stand in body or spirit for these acts of worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "The Good Shepherd"

Benoit

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Let the Whole Creation Cry" harmonized J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Christ.

People: **Jesus is the Way that leads us home, the Truth that grounds our lives, and the Life that cannot be overcome.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who goes before us, meets us where we are, and leads us into life.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 111 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSON (Unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we often look for life in many places other than You. We trust our own understanding, cling to familiar paths, and resist the way of Christ when it challenges our comfort or control. Forgive us for the ways we wander. Turn us again toward Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lead us by Your grace, and restore us by your mercy. Amen. Hear now our silent confession....(Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus Christ has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for us. In him, we are forgiven, restored, and set on the path of life.

All: **Thanks be to God. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 546
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end! Amen, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As a forgiven people we can find true peace. Let us now pass the peace of Christ to one another. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Please remain in your pew and take a moment to pass the peace to those around you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Mrs. Hannah Winstead

Children 3K through 2nd grade may leave for Children's Worship Service. McArn Building, Room 40.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 221

"Thou Art the Way: to The Alone"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, page 12

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever! Amen.

TTTHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory Anthem "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" Mark Dickey

*The Doxology Hymn No. 544

**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! Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-6

(NT Page 95, Pew Bible)

Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Words that Give Life: "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

Rev. Patrick Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 443

"A Parting Hymn We Sing"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

During this time of transition, please pray for Bethesda and its leadership.

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, Carol Meckstroth, Judy Martin, John Shaylor, Ken Mays, Roy Isaacson, Sally Huntley, Erline Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Tommy Gaffney, Kitty Sheorn, Art Delperdang, Vicki Clarke, Roland Windham

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas'), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard's mother), Barbara Cecil (Carolyn Drake's sister), Diane Alexander (friend of Mike Eddings), Clint Baxley (Stephanie Batten's brother), Betty Carges (family friend of Jim & Jo McLeod), Huntley Duryea (The Windham's nephew), Nina Bell (Doug Bell's sister-in-law), Paul Davis (friend of Freddie and Louise Myers), Colette Hearon (friend of the Floyds), George Carder (Jo McLeod's cousin), Mike Mays (Bob Mays' son), John Kennelly (friend of Angie & Lindsay Guy), Rev. Tim Erskine, Sophie Butcha (friend of the Satterwhites), Rory Gaffney (Tommy & Elizabeth Gaffney's grandson), Nick Lindsay (Karen Lindsay's brother), Susan Didato (friend of the Deals), Betty Coffee (friend of Bethesda)

MILITARY: Hamilton Matthews (friend of Marc & Kathryn Jones), Matthew Palmer, Clay Higgins (Grandson of Emily Jones, nephew of the Deals and Joneses), Jonathan & Laurie VanEtten (Pam & Bill Nettles' daughter and son-in-law)

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Bethesda's Flower Guild.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	5:30 PM	BYG
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	11:00 AM	Worship
	4:00 PM	CE
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	Congregational Care
	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	5:00 PM	Missions Meal

FEBRUARY USHER CAPTAIN: Lindsay Guy

FEBRUARY GREETER CAPTAIN: Michael Eddings

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING/TACKLE HUNGER

Bethesda Presbyterian Church is once again participating in the Annual **SOUPER BOWL of CARING** Offering! This offering helps feed those who are hungry and hurting right here in our community. 100% of the money collected goes directly to Food For the Soul. We will collect this offering on Sunday, February 8th. Our goal this year is \$2000.

ECO NATIONAL CONVENTION

The ECO National Convention (officially the **ECO National Gathering**) is the annual conference for the ECO denomination, bringing together pastors, leaders, and members for worship, teaching (keynotes/breakouts), fellowship, and planning to grow God's kingdom, focusing on mission, leadership, and biblical community through speakers, workshops, and networking. Pastor Patrick, Brent Kendall, and Hannah Winstead will be attending this conference in Atlanta, GA from Feb 2-5. They will not be in the office that week. Please pray for this ECO National Gathering and all the pastors, staff, and members that will be gathering for this time of spiritual renewal, refreshment, worship, planning, and leadership. Also, pray they return to their perspective churches encouraged, refreshed, re-energized, and ready to better equip their churches to growing God's Kingdom.

5th SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON- RESCHEDULED

Sunday, February 22nd immediately following the worship service in Westminster Hall. Join us for a Story Telling Gathering on Sunday, January 25th following worship in Westminster Hall. Share a meal together at round tables while reflecting on meaningful moments from BPC's history—from heroes who shaped our church to crises that revealed our true character. Through these conversations, we'll discover the core values that define who we are as a congregation, so please consider sitting with people outside your usual circle to hear diverse perspectives. This is the next important step in our transitional work together as we collect information for the Charity Project Pastor Patrick presented at the Church Town Hall meeting. Please fill out the enclosed reservation form if you plan to attend. If you are registered on Realm, you may complete the registration on your account by clicking on Events.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – DECEMBER 2025

2025 Budget	\$746,392
Income (YTD)	698,708
Expenses (YTD)	681,993

A nursery is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Room 38.

Welcome to Bethesda

We the people of Bethesda Presbyterian Church extend our cordial greetings to all who are visiting us today. It is our hope that you return and join us for worship and connect with our many daily ministries and activities.

The church sanctuary was designed by Robert Mills, the first Federal architect, who also designed the Washington Monument. It stands restored as originally constructed in 1822. It was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service Division of the U.S. Department of Interior in 1985.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Members are its ministers.

The Session

Christian Ed. – Jan Massalon '26, Ginger Long '28

Congregational Care - Jo McLeod '26., Bob Bates '27, Mike Eddings '28

Property & Tech – Jane Clyburn '26, Thomas Martin '27, Bill Brooks '28

Finances & Resources – Mike Satterwhite '26, Lindsay Guy '27

Worship & Evangelism – Melanie Newman '26, Jan Shumate '27, Cara Mock '28

Outreach – Cathy Floyd '28

Ministry Staff

Rev. Patrick D. Cherry, Transitional Pastor

Mr. Art Maxwell, Interim Head of Staff

Rev. Brent Kendall, Director of Evangelism, Outreach, & Ministries

Mrs. Hannah Winstead, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Dickinson, Directors of Music

Mr. Johnny Deal, Media Ministry Specialist

Mrs. Lisa Woolard, Moderator, Presbyterian Women

Mrs. Neely Allen, Director of Bethesda Christian School

Mrs. Clara Fenton, Office Manager

Ms. Holley Ham, Staff Assistant

Mr. Tom Hoke, Facilities Manager

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Art Delperdang

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For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at:

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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street

Camden, South Carolina

Est. 1822



Lord's Day, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 AM

Our mission at Bethesda Presbyterian Church:
“To know, love, glorify, and serve our Lord God.”



O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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From Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

ST. ANNE: C. M.
Ascribed to William Croft
Supplement to the New Version, 1708

1. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,
2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
4. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Bears all its sons a - way;
5. O God, our Help in a - ges past, Our Hope for years to come,

Our Shel - ter from the storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal Home:
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
They fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.
Be Thou our Guard while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal Home. A-MEN.

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GOD: HIS PRESENCE

Thou Art the Way: to Thee Alone 221

George W. Doane, 1824

ST. JAMES: C. M.
Raphael Courteville, 1697

1. Thou art the Way: to Thee a - lone From sin and death we flee;
2. Thou art the Truth: Thy word a - lone True wis - dom can im - part;
3. Thou art the Life: the rend - ing tomb Pro - claims Thy con - quering arm,
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the life: Grant us that Way to know,

And he who would the Fa - ther seek Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.
Thou on - ly canst in - form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
And those who put their trust in Thee Nor death nor hell shall harm.
That Truth to keep, that Life to win, Whose joys e - ter - nal flow. A-MEN.

Alternative tune, "Gräfenberg," Hymn 243.

A Parting Hymn We Sing

443

Aaron R. Wolfe, 1858

SCHUMANN: S. M.
Mason and Webb's *Cantica Leudes*, 1850

1. A part - ing hymn we sing A - round Thy Ta - ble, Lord;
2. Here have we seen Thy face, And felt Thy pres - ence here;
3. The pur - chase of Thy blood, By sin no long - er led,
4. In self - for - get - ting love Be our com - mun - ion shown,

A - gain our grate - ful trib - ute bring, Our sol - emn vows re - cord.
So may the sa - vor of Thy grace, In word and life ap - pear.
The path our dear Re - deem - er trod May we re - joic - ing tread.
Un - til we join the Church a - bove, And know as we are known. A-MEN.

Alternative tune, "Boylston," Hymn 301.

RESERVATION FOR

DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 , 2026

5:00-7:00pm

WESTMINSTER HALL

CHICKEN BOG

SIDE

DESSERT

\$10 donation per plate

Name:_____

plates_____

Please return in offering plate.

Last day to reserve is

Tuesday, February 3rd