

# 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 “Christ Goes Before” Robert Powell

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “Be Thou My Vision” Irish Melody

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 146:7–8)

Leader: The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord loves the righteous. The Lord reigns forever.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who opens our eyes.

**People: We come to worship the God who brings us from darkness into light.**

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 47 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

## WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, you are the light of the world, but we confess that we often walk in darkness. We close our eyes to the needs of others. We ignore the truth when it challenges us. We trust our own understanding rather than seeking your wisdom. Open our eyes, Lord. Heal our spiritual blindness. Shine the light of Christ into our hearts, so that we may see your grace and follow your Son. Hear now our silent confession...***(Silent confession)...***AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From John 8:12)

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus says, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” In Jesus Christ, our eyes are opened, our sins are forgiven, and we are brought into the light. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* 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. 385  
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation  
Offertory Anthem “Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Mack Wilberg

\*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 9:1–7, 35–38  
(NT Page 89 & 90, Pew Bible)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “God With Us in Our Blindness” Rev. Patrick Cherry

### Sermon Notes

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, light from light, true God from true God. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. He opened the eyes of the blind, proclaimed good news to the poor and revealed the kingdom of God. He was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. Amen.**

## SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 275  
“Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound” (SECOND TUNE)

\*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, Sally Huntley, Erline Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Art Delperdang, 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), Colette Hearon (friend of the Floyds), George Carder (Jo McLeod’s cousin), Mike Mays (Bob Mays’ son), John Kennelly (friend of Angie & Lindsay Guy), 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), Joe Floyd, Karen Huntley (Sally Huntley’s daughter), William Deemer (friend of Sally Huntley), Jim West (Bobby & Linda Parnell’s son)

**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 in loving memory of Stella Walker Dickinson by Art and Lee Delperdang

## Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	BYG
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	5:45 AM	Lent Prayer/Walk
	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Girl's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	5:45 AM	Lent Prayer/Walk
	10:00 AM	BINGO
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	County Wide Litter pick-up

MARCH USHER CAPTAIN: Thomas Martin

MARCH GREETER CAPTAIN: Jo McLeod

### 2026 LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

- **March 18<sup>th</sup>** - St Paul's UMC, Host; Pastor Roger Harris, Preaching  
511 Knights Hill, Camden
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>** - Unity UMC, Host; Pastor Roy Butler, Preaching  
1332 Fort Jackson Blvd, Lugoff

All services are at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in Westminster Hall.

### BINGO

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in McArn Hall.

### BETHESDA T-SHIRTS

Bethesda shirt orders are open until **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you missed the first round, submit your order now for short sleeve or long sleeve t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies. Forms are at the back of the sanctuary and in the church office.

### RAKE AND RUN

The Outreach Committee will hold a Rake and Run for a family in need on **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30am**. This event is being held during spring break, so volunteers from all ages are encouraged to participate. Contact Cathy Floyd at 803-420-9399 for more information.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MARCH ITEMS

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for March: puzzles, coloring books, crayons, markers, fishing kits, play dough, musical instruments, dolls, and old t-shirts (to make jump ropes.)

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY – February 2026

2026 Budget	\$713,876
Income (YTD)	125,510
Expenses (YTD)	111,453

A nursery is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Rm 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

**Community Outreach** – Cathy Floyd '28

### **Ministry Staff**

Rev. Patrick D. Cherry, Transitional Pastor

Col. (Ret.) 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

### **Elders Emeriti**

Art Delperdang

Joy Parrott

**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, March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**11:00 AM**

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



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### Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Charles Wesley, 1740

LUX PRIMA: 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7.  
Charles F. Gounod, 1872

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the  
2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa -  
3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; Pierce the gloom of

on - ly Light, Sun of Right - eous - ness, a - rise,  
nied by Thee; Joy - less is the day's re - turn  
sin and grief; Fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine;

Tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day - spring from on  
Till Thy mer - cy's beams I see; Till they in - ward  
Scat - ter all my un - be - lief; More and more Thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
light im - part, Glad my eyes and warm my heart.  
self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day. A - MEN.

WORSHIP: MORNING

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### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

WHAT A FRIEND: 8. 7. 8. 7. D.  
C. C. Converse, 1868

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Pre - cious Sav - iour, still our Ref - uge—Take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

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### Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

( SECOND TUNE )

John Newton, 1779

AMAZING GRACE: C. M.  
Early American melody  
Arr. by Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

1. A - maz - ing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

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**UPDATE**

## **Lent: Reflection, Repentance, Preparation for Easter**

**WHO:** Bethesda Covenant Partners.

**WHAT:** Opportunity for dedicated individual prayer time during Lent, combined with indoor walking for exercise.

**WHEN:** **\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*** Beginning **Thursday 26 FEB** and concluding on **Thursday 2 APR.** Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 5:45 am - 7:00 am.

**WHERE:** Westminster Hall.

**HOW:** Congregational Care Committee member, Stephanie Batten, will unlock Westminster Hall at 5:45 am. For safety, the doors will lock at 6:00 am. However, covenant partners are welcomed to join after 6:00 am by knocking on the door. At 6:45 am cool down begins with the entire group exiting at 7:00 am.

# Spring Litter Pick-Up

**Saturday March 21, 2026  
9:00AM - 12:00 NOON**

*To Register:*

EMAIL KERSHAW COUNTY  
AT **KCCLEANCOMMISSION@GMAIL.COM**

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE  
KERSHAW COUNTY LITTER FREE!**

A great civic opportunity for churches, community organizations, citizens, and business owners to come together to beautify Kershaw County!



Please call/text Ginger long at (803) 605-0639. Gloves, safety vest, grabbers and trash bags will be provided.

Youth can earn service hours. If enough people show interest, we can form a Bethesda team.