

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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Dickinson

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Alice Parker

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 55)

Leader: Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my plea for mercy.

People: We come with burdens, with grief, with wounds unseen.

Leader: For it is not an enemy who taunts me—but a companion, a close friend.

People: Yet even in our pain, we turn to the Lord.

Leader: Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you.

People: We come to worship the God who meets us in our sorrow.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 85 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You have called us into relationships of love and faithfulness, yet we confess how often we fall short. We have wounded others with our words and actions. We have failed to keep trust. We have turned away when others needed us most. And in our pain, we have allowed bitterness and resentment to take root. Forgive us, Lord. Heal what is broken in us. Teach us to love as Christ loves—with grace, truth, and perseverance. Hear now our silent confession... *(Silent confession)...* **AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 5:8)

Leader: Hear the good news: God shows His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and restored.

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. 189
“T’is Midnight; and on Olive’s Brow”

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 “Lamb of God” Christiansen

*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 Luke 22:39–46; Psalm 55:12–14
(NT Page 75 & 485, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God With Us in Betrayal and Loss” Rev. Patrick Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in Jesus Christ, fully God and fully human, who entered into our broken world. He was betrayed by a friend, abandoned in his suffering, and yet remained faithful to the will of the Father. He suffered, died, and was raised again so that nothing—not even sin, sorrow, or betrayal— might separate us from the love of God.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 123 “Call Jehovah Thy Salvation”

*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), 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 to the Glory of God.

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
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
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Property Committee

MARCH USHER CAPTAIN: Thomas Martin

MARCH GREETER CAPTAIN: Jo McLeod

PALM SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:45am – Fellowship with light refreshments and coffee in McArn Hall
10:00am – Palm Sunday Parade (All children, youth, and adults participating meet outside Westminster Hall) *No children or youth Sunday School classes. One Adult Sunday School class will be offered for those not participating in the parade.*
11:00am – Worship Service in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00am – Classic Worship Service in the sanctuary
10:00am – Church Courtyard Gathering-*Egg Hunt, church family picture, flowering of Hammet Cross*
11:00am – Modern Worship Service in Westminster Hall – *church family picture*

APRIL MISSION MEAL

Due to the Maundy Thursday falling on the first Thursday, the Mission Meal has been changed to Thursday, April 9th.

RAKE AND RUN

The Outreach Committee will hold a Rake and Run for a family in need on **Wednesday, April 1st 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 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

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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 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM

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



Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

JOANNA: 11. 11. 11. 11.
Welsh hymn melody

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est - to both great and small;
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish - but nought chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee! A - MEN.

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GOD: HIS ETERNITY AND POWER

William B. Tappan, 1822

OLIVE'S BROW: L. M.
William B. Bradbury, 1853

1. 'Tis mid-night; and on Ol - ive's brow The star is dimmed that late - ly shone:
2. 'Tis mid-night, and from all re - moved, The Sav - iour wres - tles lone with fears;
3. 'Tis mid-night, and for oth - ers' guilt The Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood;
4. 'Tis mid-night, and from heaven - ly plains Is borne the song that an - gels know;

'Tis mid-night; in the gar - den now, The suf - fer - ing Sav - iour prays a - lone.
E'en that dis - ci - ple whom He loved Heeds not his Mas - ter's grief and tears.
Yet He that hath in an - guish knelt Is not for - sak - en by His God.
Un - heard by mor - tals are the strains That sweet - ly soothe the Sav - iour's woe. A - MEN.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS PASSION AND ATONEMENT
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From Psalm 91
James Montgomery, 1822

HYFRYDOL: 8. 7. 8. 7. D.
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855

1. Call Je - ho - vah thy Sal - va - tion, Rest be - neath th' Al - might - y's shade,
2. From the sword at noon - day wast - ing, From the noi - some pes - ti - lence,
3. Since, with pure and firm af - fec - tion, Thou on God hast set thy love,

In His se - cret hab - i - ta - tion Dwell, and nev - er be dis - mayed:
In the depth of mid - night blast - ing, God shall be thy sure De - fense:
With the wings of His pro - tec - tion He will shield thee from a - bove:

There no tu - mult shall a - larm thee, Thou shalt dread no hid - den snare;
He shall charge His an - gel le - gions Watch and ward o'er thee to keep;
Thou shalt call on Him in trou - ble, He will hear - en, He will save;

Guile nor vi - o - lence can harm thee, In e - ter - nal safe - guard there.
Though thou walk through hos - tile re - gions, Though in des - ert wilds thou sleep.
Here for grief re - ward thee dou - ble, Crown with life be - yond the grave. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Autumn," Hymn 10.

GOD: HIS PRESENCE

RESERVATION FOR
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026
6:00 PM
WESTMINSTER HALL

Soup and salad
COMMUNION SERVED

Name: _____

Nursery provided:

of children _____

Age: _____

Please return in offering plate.

Last day to reserve is
Monday, March 30th

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.