

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 “Fanfare” Lemmens

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “Let All the Gates Be Opened Wide” Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 55)

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you—humble and riding on a donkey.

People: Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: The crowds shout for joy...

People: Yet the road leads to the cross.

Leader: We gather in praise and in humility...

People: Welcoming the King who comes to save.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 185 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often want a Savior who meets our expectations rather than one who transforms our hearts. We praise You with our lips but struggle to follow You with our lives. We seek comfort over sacrifice, control over trust, and power over humility. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see Your kingdom rightly, and give us grace to follow Jesus, even when the path leads through suffering. Hear now our silent confession...

(Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Romans 5:8)

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

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

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 187 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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 “What of the Night?” R.G. Thompson

*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 19: 28-44
(NT Page 72, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God With Us in the Tension” Rev. Patrick Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11 NIV)

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 188 “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

*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, Erlene 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 by the Woolard Family.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Parade Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
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	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service

MARCH USHER CAPTAIN: Thomas Martin

MARCH GREETER CAPTAIN: Jo McLeod

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*

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.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – “WHAT OF THE NIGHT?”

What of the night, O watchman? Turn to the East thine eyes, and say is there any token of the dawning in the skies? Or do the shadows linger, thy lips are they sad and dumb, with never a word of gladness? That the tarrying morn is to come? Then answered the patient watchman from the mountain's lonely height, To the waiting souls in the valley, I can see the breaking light. There's glow on the far horizon that is growing more wide and clear, and soon shall the sun be flinging his splendours both far and near. What of the night, O watchman? Rises to Thee our cry; Prophet divine of Naz'reth, make to our hearts reply: Over the earth's wild warfare comes not a time more fair, Swords into plough shares beaten, Peace throned everywhere. Wait, said the Heav'nly watchman, let not thy spirit quail, Strife shall not be eternal, Harmony shall prevail; Battle clouds all shall scatter, hatred shall be outcast, Loves ever broad'ning glory break on the world at last!

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

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, Director of Care

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 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

11:00 AM

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



Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873

ELLACOMBE: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice. A - MEN.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820
Trans. by John Mason Neale, 1854

ST. THEODULPH: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
Melchior Teschner, c. 1615

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. Thou art the King of Is - rael, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One!
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;
To Thee, be - fore Thy Pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,

Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring! A - MEN.

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Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Henry H. Milman, 1827
Stanza 1, line 3, alt.

ST. DROSTANE: L. M.
John B. Dykes, 1862

1. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky
4. Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;

O Sav - iour meek, pur - sue Thy road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, Thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
Look down with sad and won - dering eyes To see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Bow Thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Winchester New," Hymn 242.
JESUS CHRIST: HIS TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

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

**Soup and salad
COMMUNION SERVED**

Name: _____

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Nursery provided:

of children _____

Age: _____

Please return in offering plate.

**Last day to reserve is
Monday, March 30th**

**RESERVATION FOR
ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
5:30-7:30pm
WESTMINSTER HALL**

**OYSTERS
BBQ
SHRIMP**

Name: _____

_____

Dish _____

Please return in offering plate.

**Last day to reserve is
Tuesday, April 13**