

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 Heavens Declare” Benedetto Marcello

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “O Love of God Most Full” Aylesbury

*CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 13)

Leader: When sorrow feels heavy and hope feels far away, God does not remain distant.

People: God draws near to the brokenhearted.

Leader: When tears come and words fail,

People: Jesus stands with us in our grief.

Leader: When we wonder if resurrection is only a distant promise,

People: Christ meets us even here.

Leader: Come — bring your sorrow, your questions, your longing.

People: We come to worship the God who weeps with us.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 41 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, We confess that we do not always know how to grieve. We resist sorrow, or we let it consume us. We try to control what we cannot change, or we withdraw from You in our pain.

Forgive us for believing that faith leaves no room for tears. Forgive us for losing hope when loss feels overwhelming. Meet us in our grief. Hold what we cannot carry. Bring to light our sin and set us down the path of forgiveness and redemption. And remind us that even here, You are with us. Hear now our silent confession...

(Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus did not turn away from sorrow...He entered into it. He wept. He loved. He restored hope. In Christ, we worship a Savior who meets us in our grief and redeems us through His grace. 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

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

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 390

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

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 “Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs” Antonio Lotti

*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 11:17-27, 32-35

(NT Page 91 & 92, 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 Grief” Rev. Patrick Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Larger Catechism (Q. 86)

Leader: What comfort does the resurrection give us?

People: That though we return to dust, we shall be raised in glory through our union with Christ.

Leader: What hope do we hold in sorrow?

People: That Christ is our life now and our life forever.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 269 “Jesus Calls Us”

*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, Erlene Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Art Delperdang, Roland Windham, Windy Satterwhite

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 (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 Rev. Tim Erskine of Aveleigh Presbyterian Church by the Covenant Partners of Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

The white rose bud is placed in loving memory of Roy Issacson.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	1:30 PM	Session
	5:30 PM	BYG
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	5:45 AM	Lent Prayer/Walk
	10:30 AM	PW Circle
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

MARCH USHER CAPTAIN: Thomas Martin
MARCH GREETER CAPTAIN: Jo McLeod

2026 LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

- **March 11th** - St John's UMC, Host; Pastor Quentin Chavis, Preaching
45 Roseborough Rd, Lugoff
 - **March 18th** - St Paul's UMC, Host; Pastor Roger Harris, Preaching
511 Knights Hill, Camden
 - **March 25th** - 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 17th at 7:30am in Westminster Hall.

BINGO

Thursday, March 19th at 10:00am in McArn Hall.

CAMDEN COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm at Camden High School. Free admission.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – January 2026

2026 Budget	\$713,876
Income (YTD)	67,675
Expenses (YTD)	54,892

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 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

11:00 AM

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



When Morning Gilds the Skies

Anon., German, c. 1800
Trans. by Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858

LAUDES DOMINI: 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries,
2. The night be - comes as day When from the heart we say,
3. Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find,
4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine,

May Je - sus Christ be praised: A - like at work and prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised: The powers of dark - ness fear
May Je - sus Christ be praised: Let all the earth a - round
May Je - sus Christ be praised: Be this th'e - ter - nal song,

To Je - sus I re - pair; May Je - sus Christ be praised!
When this sweet chant they hear, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Ring joy - ous with the sound, May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Through all the a - ges long, May Je - sus Christ be praised! A-MEN.

Open My Eyes, that I May See

Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES: 8. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8. 4.
Clara H. Scott, 1895

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou send - est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp, and set me free.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine! A-MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Jesus Calls Us

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852

GALILEE: 8. 7. 8. 7.
William H. Jude, 1887

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest - less sea,
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear Thy call,

Day by day His sweet voice sound - eth, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low Me."
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love Me more."
Still He calls, in cares and pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these."
Give our hearts to Thine o - be - dience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: THE CALL OF CHRIST

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:

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AT **KCCLEANCOMMISSION@GMAIL.COM**

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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.