

# 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 “From Heaven on High” Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen and ascended, reigning at the right hand of the Father.

**People: We worship the risen King, who is Lord of heaven and earth.**

Leader: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”

**People: “And you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.”**

Leader: We gather as those called and sent—

**People: to bear witness to the risen Christ. Let us worship the Lord.**

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 26 “O Worship the King All Glorious Above”

## WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful witnesses. We have kept silent when we should have spoken.**

**We have been distracted by lesser things. We have relied on our own strength rather than the power of your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our courage, restore our joy, and fill us with your Spirit, that we may live boldly for you. Hear now our silent confession...**

*(Silent confession)...AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Romans 8:1)

Leader: Hear the good news: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Through his death and resurrection, you are forgiven, restored, and made new.

**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 - THE BIG CHANGE

A short musical drama by Derrell & Veteria Billingsley  
(Bethesda Children’s Choir)

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 242 “O Spirit of the Living God”

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 “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels” Walter L. Pelz

\*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

Acts 1:1-11

(NT Page 102, Pew Bible)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Mission of the Risen King” Rev. Patrick D. 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.**

## SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 213 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

\*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, Ellen Williams

**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), Travis Hughes (son of Kathleen & Jerry Hughes), Bett Huggins (friend of the Deals)

**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)

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO** the family and friends of Tommy Shumate. The white rosebud is placed in loving memory of him.

**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	Oyster Roast
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Property Committee
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Presbytery Meeting

APRIL USHER CAPTAIN: Jan Massalon

APRIL GREETER CAPTAIN: Bob Bates

### **BETHESDA CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Kylee Anderson	Violet Graham	Isabella McClung	Miley Whitley
Charlie Campbell	Madelyn Huggins	Josiah McClung	
Rory Campbell	Mason Huggins	Phoebe McClung	
Gavin Cobb	Elizabeth McClung	Carson Whitley	

### **ANNUAL ADULT OYSTER ROAST**

Sunday, April 19th from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Bethesda. Menu : Oysters, Shrimp, and BBQ. **Members bring an appetizer, side or dessert.** Friends bring yourselves. Enjoy an evening of delicious food, good friends, and fun fellowship. Please register if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30am in Westminster Hall. Great food and fellowship!

### **ECO PRESBYTERY OF SC SPRING GATHERING**

Bethesda is excited to be hosting the ECO Presbytery of SC Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please register at <https://southcarolina.eco-pres.org/news>. We need volunteers to make sure this is a great event for all participants. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Cathy Floyd at 803-420-9399 or [cbfloyd95@gmail.com](mailto:cbfloyd95@gmail.com).

### **JOY CLUB**

Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> the Joy Club will take a trip to Mr. B.s for lunch and McLeod's Farm for strawberries. We will leave Bethesda at 10:45am and return at 3:00pm. Contact Jane Clyburn (803-484-1256) if you would like to go.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APRIL ITEMS**

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for April: combs, hairbrushes, hair accessories, wash cloths, band-aids, stuffed animals, deflated soccer balls with pumps, old t-shirts to make jump ropes.

A nursery is available during worship service in the McArn Building, Rm 3

## 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, April 19, 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**11:00 AM**



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

# 26 O Worship the King All Glorious Above

From Psalm 104  
Robert Grant, 1833

LYONS: 10. 10. 11. 11.  
Adapted from J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

1. O wor-ship the King all glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly sing His  
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose  
3. The earth with its store of won-ders un - told, Al-might-y, Thy power hath  
4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air, it  
5. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor

power and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
found - ed of old; Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
find Thee to fail; Thy mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Hanover," below.

# 242 O Spirit of the Living God

James Montgomery, 1823

WINCHESTER NEW: L. M.  
Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, In all Thy plen - i - tude of grace,  
2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love To preach the rec - on - cil - ing word;  
3. Be dark - ness, at Thy com - ing, light; Con - fu - sion, or - der in Thy path;  
4. O Spir - it of the Lord, pre - pare All the round earth her God to meet;  
5. Bap - tize the na - tions; far and nigh The tri - umphs of the cross re - cord;

Wher - e'er the foot of man hath trod, De - scend on our a - pos - tate race.  
Give power and unc - tion from a - bove, When - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.  
Souls with - out strength in - spire with might; Bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.  
Breathe Thou a - broad like morn - ing air, Till hearts of stone be - gin to beat.  
The name of Je - sus glo - ri - fy, Till ev - ery kin - dred call Him Lord. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Melcombe," Hymn 45.

# 213 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Matthew Bridges, 1851

DIADEMATA: S. M. D.  
George J. Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,  
3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways  
4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark! how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me:

And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
But down - ward bends His burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty. A - MEN.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS ASCENSION

**Bethesda Presbyterian Church  
Vacation Bible School 2026**



June 15 – 19, 2026  
9am – 12pm

Children and Volunteer Registration Code



Registration is open until June 1<sup>st</sup>

Registration is also available on the church website:

**[www.BethesdaPresbyterianChurch.org](http://www.BethesdaPresbyterianChurch.org)**