

# 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 “Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated” Albin Whitworth

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “God Is Working His Purpose Out” Hymn 500

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The disciples returned to Jerusalem and waited together in prayer.

**People: We gather to wait upon the Lord.**

Leader: They did not rush ahead in their own strength.

**People: They trusted God’s promise and waited for His power.**

Leader: The Lord is faithful to those who seek Him.

**People: We come to worship, to pray, and to wait with hope. Let us worship the Lord.**

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 3 “Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

## WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Patient and merciful God, we confess that we do not wait well. We want control instead of trust. We want quick answers instead of faithful prayer. We move ahead in our own strength rather than waiting for your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Slow our anxious hearts. Teach us to trust your timing. Give us patience to wait, faith to pray, and courage to obey when you call. Hear now our silent confession...***(Silent confession)...***AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Isaiah 40:31)

Leader: Hear the good news: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven 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 – MIRIAM

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 344

“If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”

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 “As the Deer” Martin Nystrom

\*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 1:12-26  
(NT Page 102, Pew Bible)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Waiting for Power” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

**Sermon Notes**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (based on Psalm 130:5–6 & Philippians 4:6–7)

**We wait for the Lord; our souls wait, and in his word we put our hope. We wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. Therefore, we will not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, we make our requests known to God. And we trust that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

## SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 366 “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

\*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, 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)

**THE FLOWERS PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY** are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Emily Jone’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and were beautifully arranged and provided by members of Bethesda’s Flower Guild.

## Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	BYG
MONDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday
	11:30 AM	Worship Committee
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	5:30 PM	VBS Workday
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	10:45 AM	JOY Club trip

APRIL USHER CAPTAIN: Jan Massalon

APRIL GREETER CAPTAIN: Bob Bates

### BETHESDA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

### 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.

### VBS 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)

### UPCOMING VBS WORKDAYS

- Monday, April 27 at 11am – Come help to bring all supplies out of storage.
- Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 – 7:30 – Join us for a fun night of VBS decorating. Stations will be set up to make decorations. Hotdog supper provided. RSVP Cathy Floyd 803-420-9399 or [cbfloyd95@gmail.com](mailto:cbfloyd95@gmail.com).
- List of VBS supply needs coming soon!

**\*Bring your favorite pair of scissors and a glue gun.**

### 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 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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Camden, South Carolina  
Est. 1822



**Lord's Day, April 27, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**11:00 AM**



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

# Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens, Adore Him 3

From Psalm 148  
 Founding Hospital Collection, Stanzas 1 and 2, 1796  
 Edward Osler, Stanza 3, 1836

FABEN: 8. 7. 8. 7. D.  
 John H. Wilcox, 1849

1. Praise the Lord: ye heavens, a-dore Him; Praise Him, an-gels in the height;  
 2. Praise the Lord, for He is glo-rious; Nev-er shall His prom-ise fail:  
 3. Wor-ship, hon-or, glo-ry, bless-ing, Lord, we of-fer un-to Thee;

Sun and moon, re-joyce be-fore Him, Praise Him, all ye stars of light.  
 God hath made His saints vic-to-rious; Sin and death shall not pre-vail.  
 Young and old, Thy praise ex-press-ing, In glad hom-age bend the knee.

Praise the Lord, for He hath spo-ken; Worlds His might-y voice o-beyed:  
 Praise the God of our sal-va-tion; Hosts on high, His power pro-claim;  
 All the saints in heaven a-dore Thee; We would bow be-fore Thy throne:

Laws which nev-er shall be bro-ken For their guid-ance He hath made.  
 Heaven and earth and all cre-a-tion, Laud and mag-ni-fy His name.  
 As Thine an-gels serve be-fore Thee, So on earth Thy will be done. A-MEN.

Alternative tune. "Hyfrydol," Hymn 123.

WORSHIP: ADORATION AND PRAISE

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# 344 If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

From Psalm 55  
 Georg Neumark, 1657  
 Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863

NEUMARK: 9. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8.  
 Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but suf-fer God to guide thee, And hope in  
 2. On-ly be still, and wait His lei-sure In cheer-ful  
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, But do thine

Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be-tide thee,  
 hope, with heart con-tent To take what-e'er thy Fa-ther's pleas-ure  
 own part faith-ful-ly; Trust His rich prom-is-es of grace,

And bear thee through the e-vil days; Who trusts in God's un-  
 And all-dis-cern-ing love hath sent; Nor doubt our in-most  
 So shall they be ful-filled in thee; God nev-er yet for-

chang-ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.  
 wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
 sook at need The soul that trust-ed Him in-deed. A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: PILGRIMAGE AND GUIDANCE

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# Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right 366

Samuel Rodigast, c. 1675  
 Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

WAS GOTT THUT DAS IST WOHLGETHAN: 8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 4. 8. 8.  
 Severus Gastorius  
 Weimar Gesangbuch, 1681

1. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; His ho-ly will a-bid-eth;  
 2. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; He nev-er will de-ceive me;  
 3. What-e'er my God or-dains is right; Here shall my stand be tak-en;

I will be still, what-e'er He doth, And fol-low where He guid-eth.  
 He leads me by the prop-er path; I know He will not leave me,  
 Though sor-row, need, or death be mine, Yet am I not for-sak-en;

He is my God; Though dark my road, He holds me that I  
 And take, con-tent, What He hath sent; His hand can turn my  
 My Fa-ther's care is round me there; He holds me that I

shall not fall; Where-fore to Him I leave it all.  
 griefs a-way, And pa-tient-ly I wait His day.  
 shall not fall, And so to Him I leave it all. A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE

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