

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 “O Rest in the Lord” Mendelssohn

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were gathered together.

People: And suddenly from heaven came the sound of a mighty rushing wind.

Leader: Tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: God poured out His Spirit upon all people.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come among us now.

People: Fill our hearts with your presence, power, and peace. Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 238 “Seal Us, O Holy Spirit”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we often try to live in our own strength instead of depending on your Spirit. We have ignored your prompting, neglected your presence, and failed to bear faithful witness to Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us by your Spirit. Set our hearts on fire again with love for you. Fill us with courage, compassion, and joy, that we may live as your people in the world. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)...***AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Acts 2:38–39)

Leader: Hear the good news as Scripture proclaims in Acts: “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and filled with new life.

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. 241

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

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 “I Will Not Leave You Comfortless” Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you yet again. Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

*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 2:1–41 (selected)
(NT Page 103, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Pentecost: When the Spirit Comes” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from the ECO Essential Tenets)

We believe that the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the Church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and binds them together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the sacraments, and empowers us for witness and service.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 240 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

*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, Barbara Cross

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), Kyle Asti (relative of the Bates), Bill Ogburn (Beverly Sheorn’s brother)

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 in honor of Memorial Day. “Lest we forget”.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday

MAY USHER CAPTAIN: Bill Brooks

MAY GREETER CAPTAIN: Jane Clyburn

KERSHAW COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOIR

KCCC lead by Bo Dickinson will perform a Spring Program of patriotic, sacred, and secular music on Sunday, May 31st at 3:00pm in John Knox Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SUMMER CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A great opportunity is available this summer! Kershaw County Parks and Recreation is having a Summer Church Adult Slow pitch League. We are hoping there will be enough interest to form a Bethesda team! The team size should be 12 to 14 players. You must be 16 years old or older to participate. Games will be held on Monday nights beginning June 8th. Game times will be 6:30pm, 7:30pm, and 8:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cathy Floyd at 803-420-9399 or cbfloyd95@gmail.com.

JOY CLUB TRIP

On Sunday, June 28th, we will travel to First Baptist Church in Columbia for a "Carolina Celebration of Liberty", commemorating America's 250 years of independence. Tickets are free and seating is limited!! Please call Jane Clyburn or the office no later than June 1st to reserve your spot. Everyone is invited and welcome.

VBS WORKDAYS

Mondays in May 11:00 – 1:00 (May 11th, and 18th)

Wednesdays in May 11:00 – 1:00 (May 20th and 27th)

Thursdays in May 11:00 – 1:00 (May 21st and 28th)

Mondays in June 11:00 – 1:00 (June 1st and 8th)

Wednesday June 3rd 11:00 – 1:00

Thursday June 4th 11:00 – 1:00

VBS WISH LIST

Tropical trees, plants, and greenery

Tropical stuffed animals (parrots, frogs, monkeys, etc.)

Large umbrella (broken is fine)

Brown cross body bag

Large butterfly net

Boxes

Toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MAY ITEMS

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for May:

Pjs and other clothing, hats, sunglasses, flip flops, flashlights, dolls, and deflated soccer balls with pumps. Don't forget 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

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

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Art Delperdang

Joy Parrott

For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at:

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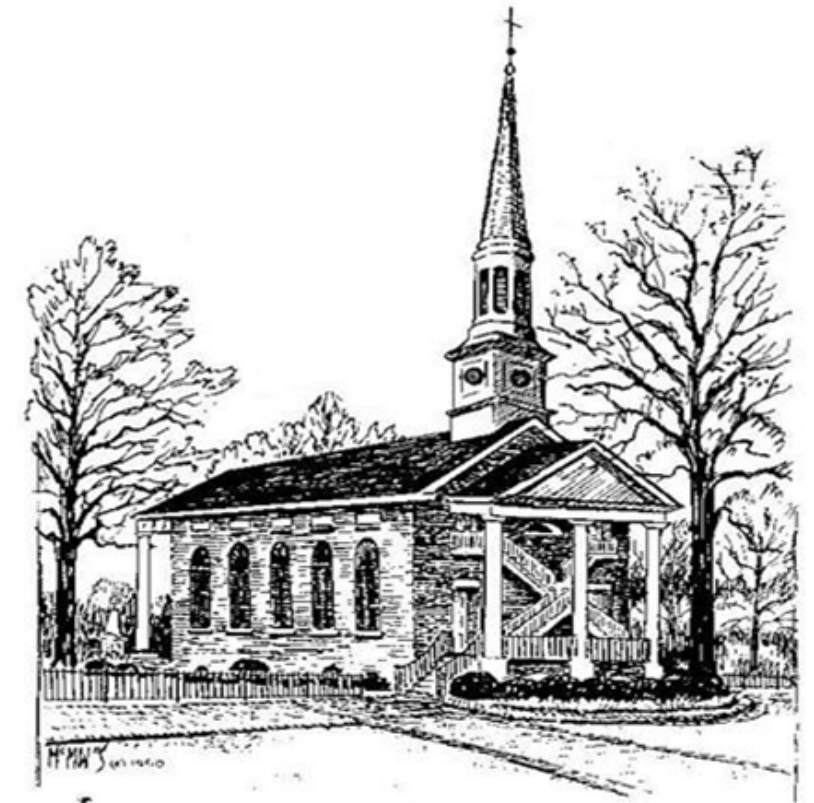
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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street
Camden, South Carolina
Est. 1822



Lord's Day, May 24, 2026

Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

Seal Us, O Holy Spirit 238

Isaac H. Meredith, 1900

MEREDITH: 7. 7. 8. 7. with Refrain
Isaac H. Meredith, 1900
Har. by David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Grant us Thine im - press, we pray;
2. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Help us Thy like - ness to show;
3. Seal us, O Ho - ly Spir - it, Make us Thine own from this hour;

We would be more like the Sav - iour, Stamped with His im - age to - day.
Then from our lives un - to oth - ers Streams of rich bless - ing shall flow.
May we be use - ful, dear Mas - ter, Seal us with wit - ness - ing power.

REFRAIN

Seal us, seal us, Seal us just now, we pray; Seal us, O

Ho - ly Spir - it, Seal us for serv - ice to - day. A - MEN.

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Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me 241

Thomas Toke Lynch, 1855

REDHEAD NO. 76: 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7.
Richard Redhead, 1853

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would
2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me; I my - self would

gra - cious be; And with words that help and heal
truth - ful be; And with wis - dom kind and clear
ho - ly be; Sep - a - rate from sin, I would

Would Thy life in mine re - veal; And with ac - tions
Let Thy life in mine ap - pear; And with ac - tions
Choose and cher - ish all things good, And what - ev - er

bold and meek Would for Christ my Sav - iour speak.
broth - er - ly Speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
I can be Give to Him who gave me Thee! A - MEN.

240 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Samuel Longfellow, 1841

MERCY: 7. 7. 7. 7.
Arr. from Louis M. Gottschalk, 1867

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, Dawn up - on this soul of mine;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Glow with - in this heart of mine;
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di - vine, King with - in my con - science reign;

Word of God, and in - ward Light, Wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire; Per - ish self in Thy pure fire.
By Thee may I strong - ly live, Brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
Be my Law, and I shall be Firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free. A - MEN.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2026



June 15 – 19, 2026
9am – 12pm

Children and Volunteer Registration Code



Registration is open until June 1st

Registration is also available on the church website:

www.BethesdaPresbyterianChurch.org

Dear Saints of Bethesda,

Join us for Clarity Project Findings Presentation Sunday, May 31st:

Second, I want to strongly encourage you to **stay after worship on Sunday, May 31st**, for an important presentation in **Westminster Hall** regarding the Clarity Project and the work being done with our Transformation Team. Over the past year, we have been prayerfully seeking to better understand where Bethesda Presbyterian Church is today, the values that shape us, and the needs and opportunities present in our Camden community as we seek to share the Gospel and participate in the growth of God's Kingdom. This is the culmination of surveys, focus groups, and interviews. I personally promised that I would ensure that our findings would be shared with you, so this is your opportunity to hear what we've discovered.

This presentation will provide insight into what we are learning and help us begin discerning together what faithful ministry and mission may look like in the years ahead. Light refreshments will be provided to hold you over until lunch, and I truly hope you will make plans to attend. I plan to keep the presentation on the shorter side so that I can avoid your "hanger" (hungry anger)!

Thank you for your continued prayers, faithfulness, and love for Christ and His Church.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Patrick D. Cherry
Transitional Pastor