

# 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 “Andante Religioso” Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

ENTRANCE OF GRADUATES “God of Our Fathers”

CHORAL INTROIT “Stay With Us” (Luke 24:29) Egil Hovland

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

**People: To the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

Leader: Day by day, they gathered together with glad and generous hearts.

**People: Praising God and sharing life together.**

Leader: And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, form us into your Church. Let us worship God!**

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 437 “The Church’s One Foundation”

## WORSHIP OF GOD

### CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we often neglect the very things that nourish and strengthen your Church. We have not devoted ourselves fully to prayer, to your Word, to fellowship, or to the care of others. Forgive us for pursuing comfort over community and busyness over faithfulness. Renew us by your Spirit. Create in us glad and generous hearts, that our lives together may reflect the love of Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent personal confession**

...*(Silent confession)*...**AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Romans 8:1–2)

Leader: Hear the good news: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made one body through the Holy Spirit.

**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. 398 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

### 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 “Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Mack Wilberg

\*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 2:42–47  
(NT Page 104, Pew Bible)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “A Spirit-Filled Church” 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. 473 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

### \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “Built on the Rock” (Hymn 432)

## 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, 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), Scott Sanders (Mary Carol’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 given to the Glory of God.

## Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	Clarity Project Findings Presentation
MONDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday
	1:00 PM	Congregational Care
TUESDAY	11:00 AM	Worship Committee
	4:00 PM	CE Committee
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday
	6:00 PM	Outreach Committee
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 today 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your spot. Everyone is invited and welcome.

### VBS WORKDAYS

Mondays in June 11:00 – 1:00 (June 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 – 1:00

Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 – 1:00

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MAY ITEMS

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for June: pencils/sharpeners, pencil cases, pens, notebooks, glue sticks, deflated soccer balls with pumps, and old t-shirts to use 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

### Elders Emeriti

Art Delperdang

Joy Parrott

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

**Church Office:** (803) 432-4593

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm; Friday Closed

Church Email: [bethesda@bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:bethesda@bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org)

**Bethesda Christian School:** (803) 425-0080

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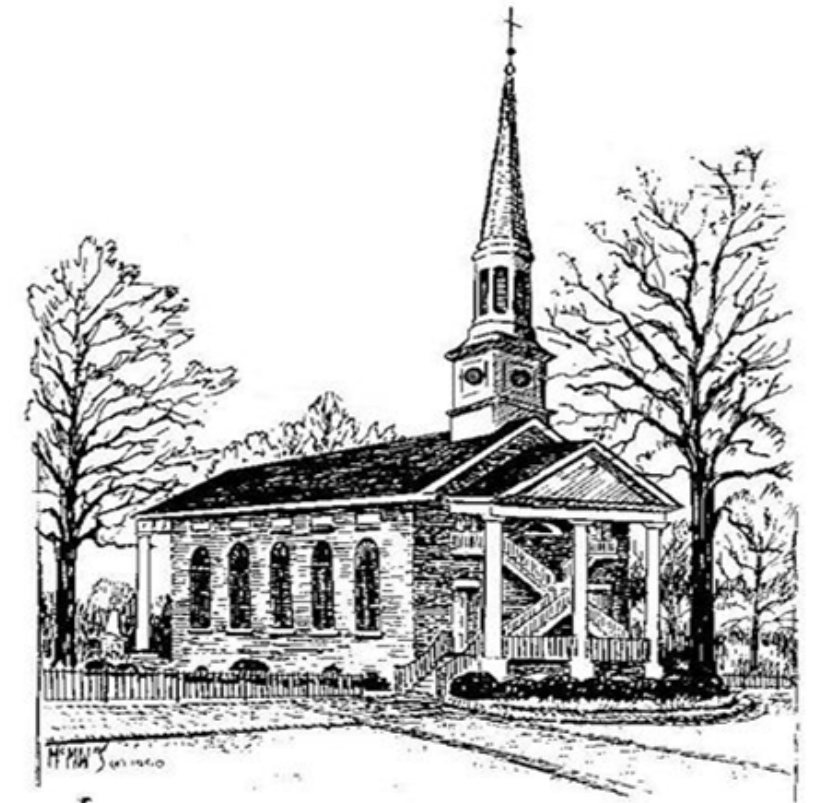
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## Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street  
Camden, South Carolina  
Est. 1822



**Lord's Day, May 31, 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**

**11:00 AM**



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

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.  
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1. The Church's one Foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,  
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,  
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God the Three in One,

She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:  
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more;  
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won:

From heaven He came and sought her To be His ho - ly Bride;  
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,  
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,  
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.  
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with Thee. A - MEN.

THE CHURCH

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William W. Walford, c. 1842

SWEET HOUR: L. M. D.  
William B. Bradbury, 1859

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,  
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known!  
To Him, whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace,

And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

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John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS: S. M.  
Hans G. Nägeli (1773-1836)  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love:  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin, we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Boylston," Hymn 301.

THE CHURCH: CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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## 2026 GRADUATES



### Cole Douglass Whitehouse

**Graduated from:** South Carolina Connections Academy

**Attending:** Lander University

**Future Plans:** To obtain a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9



### Banks Munn

**Graduated from:** Gardner Webb University. Commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Army National Guard

Received a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. He will be working in the Cardiac Rehab Center at MUSC-Camden.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".* Jeremiah 29:11

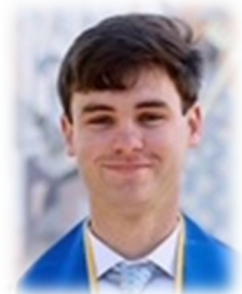


### Eliza Reames

**Graduated from:** Wofford College

She double majored in English and Art History. After graduation she will be moving to Washington D.C. to work as a personal assistant for a private family.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"He says, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the Earth"* Psalm 46:10



### Julian Vander Blank

**Graduated from:** University of Notre Dame

He will be employed as a Project Engineer for Walsh Group in Wisconsin.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* Psalm 119:105



### Grace Floyd

**Graduated from:** Columbia College

She double majored in Forensic Criminal Justice & Disaster & Emergency Management. She plans to continue working as an Engineer at Camden Fire Department.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding".* Proverbs 3:5

## 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)

Dear Saints of Bethesda,

**Join us for Clarity Project Findings Presentation Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:**

I want to strongly encourage you to **stay after worship today<sup>t</sup>**, 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