

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 “Peace I Leave with You” Jean Pasquet

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

Leader: Kings rise and kingdoms fall,

People: But Jesus Christ reigns forever.

Leader: The gospel has been proclaimed through every generation,

People: And no power on earth can silence the good news. Let us worship the risen and reigning King.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 140 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often live as though the future depends upon us. We fear opposition, avoid discomfort, and hesitate to speak of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for trusting our circumstances more than your promises. Fill us again with your Holy Spirit. Give us courage to follow Christ faithfully, confidence in your sovereign purposes, and hearts devoted to your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)...AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: If God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, will he not also graciously give us all things?

Nothing in life or death, nothing in the present or the future, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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. 374 “Be Still, My Soul”

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 Music “Siciliano” J.S. Bach

*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 5:27-42
(NT Page 107, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “The Gospel Cannot Be Stopped” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the Lausanne Covenant)

Leader: Christian witness is indispensable to true evangelism.

People: We affirm that Christ sends his redeemed people into the world.

Leader: The Church is at the very center of God's cosmic purpose.

People: It is his appointed means of spreading the gospel.

Leader: We therefore commit ourselves to proclaiming Christ faithfully.

People: Trusting the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's purposes.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God’s People

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 349 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Jesus Shall Reign” arr T. Tertius Noble

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), Bett Huggins (friend of the Deals), Kyle Asti & Tim Fisher (relatives 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 and in honor of Martha and Madison Mathews, who were married at Bethesda yesterday. The families of both the bride and the groom would like to thank all the staff, covenant partners, and friends for all their help and continued prayers for their marriage.

As you leave worship you are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Discretionary Fund**, which is used to meet the emergency needs of the people within the community. The ushers will be at the door to accept your gifts.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	11:00 AM	VBS Workday
TUESDAY	4:00 PM	CE Committee

JUNE USHER CAPTAIN: Cathy Floyd
JUNE GREETER CAPTAIN: Cara Mock

VBS WORKDAYS

Monday, June 8th 11:00am – 1:00pm

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Sunday, June 14th in Westminster Hall immediately following the worship service. This is an important meeting, and all volunteers should try to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact Cathy Floyd at 803-420-9399.

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

Bethesda Christian School: (803) 425-0080

Bethesda Christian School Email: BCS@bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org



Facebook: [facebook.com/BethesdaPresbyterianCamden](https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaPresbyterianCamden)

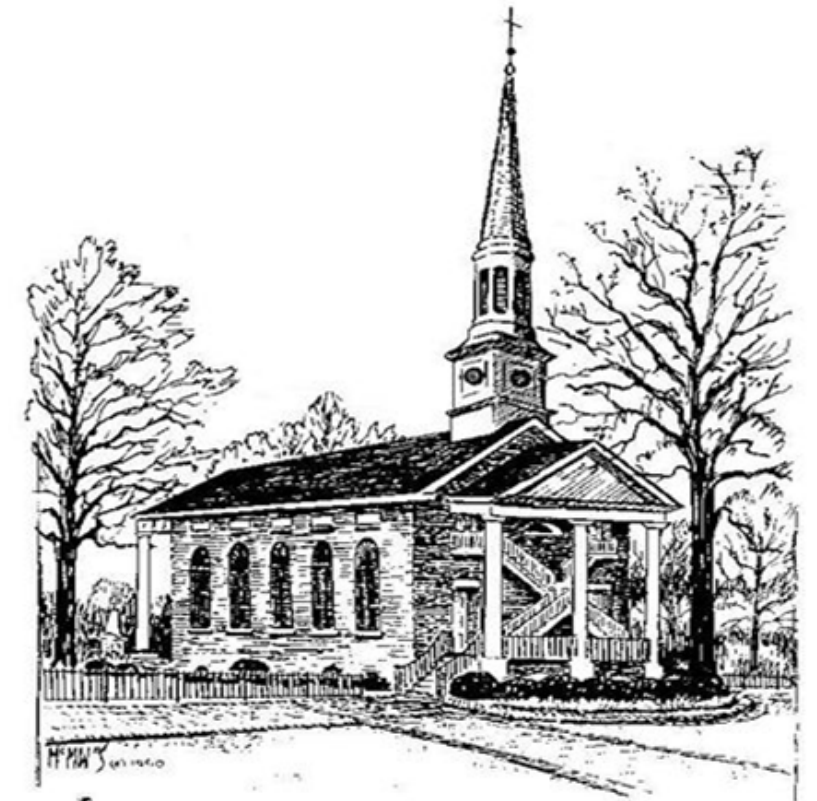
Instagram: [@BethesdaPresbyterianCamden](https://www.instagram.com/@BethesdaPresbyterianCamden)

YouTube: [youtube.com/c/BethesdaPresbyterianCamden](https://www.youtube.com/c/BethesdaPresbyterianCamden)

#BethesdaCamden

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street
Camden, South Carolina
Est. 1822



Lord's Day, June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, 1746

DARWALL'S 148TH: 6. 6. 6. 6. 8. 8.
John Darwall, 1770

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!
2. His King - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heaven;
3. He all His foes shall quell, Shall all our sins de - stroy,

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph
The keys of death and hell Are to our
And ev - ery bos - om swell With pure se -

ev - er - more: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Je - sus given: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
raph - ic joy: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice! A - MEN.

JESUS CHRIST: ADORATION AND PRAISE

Be Still, My Soul

From Psalm 46
Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
Trans. by Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1855

FINLANDIA: 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for *The Hymnal*, 1933

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa - tient - ly the
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take To guide the fu - ture
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on When we shall be for -

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev - ery change He faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when

best, thy heav - en - ly Friend Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
change and tears are past, All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last. A - MEN.

Melody used by permission of Breitkopf & Härtel, Wiesbaden; all rights reserved. Arrangement copyright, 1933, by the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. Used by permission.
LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

George Duffield, 1858

WEBB: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
George J. Webb, 1837

1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross;
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The trum - pet call o - bey;
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Stand in His strength a - lone;
4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner, It must not suf - fer loss:
Forth to the might - y con - flict, In this His glo - rious day:
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own:
This day the noise of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song:

From vic - tory un - to vic - tory His ar - my shall He lead,
Ye that are men now serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, Each piece put on with prayer;
To him that o - ver - com - eth A crown of life shall be;

Till ev - ery foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger, And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls, or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
He with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: LOYALTY AND COURAGE

**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