

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 “Grande Choeur in G” Salomé

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord.

People: We come to delight in God's Word and worship His holy name.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in every season.

People: Root us deeply in your grace, that our lives may bear fruit for your glory.

Leader: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: Come, let us worship the God who gives life!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 253 “How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have often sought fulfillment in things that cannot truly satisfy. We have listened to voices that draw us away from your truth, followed desires that leave us empty, and neglected the delight of your Word. Forgive us, O Lord. By your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts again toward you. Plant us beside the living waters of your grace, that we may grow in faith, bear the fruit of righteousness, and find our joy in Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Hear now our silent personal confession... *(Silent confession)...AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit." In Christ, our sins are forgiven, our lives are made new, and we are rooted in the grace of God.

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. 319
“O for a Closer Walk with God” (SECOND TUNE)

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 “Impromptu” Franz Schubert

*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 Psalm 1
(OT Page 452, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Psalm of Flourishing” 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. 324 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. T. Tertius Noble

PRAYER CONCERNS

During this time of transition, please pray for Bethesda and its leadership.

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, Judy Martin, John Shaylor, Ken Mays, Erline Vaughan, Art Delperdang, Barbara Cross

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas’), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard’s mother), Barbara Cecil (Carolyn Drake’s sister), 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), Susan Didato (friend of the Deals), Betty Coffee (friend of Bethesda), Joe Floyd, 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 in honor and gratitude for the leaders and volunteers of VBS 2026.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:00 PM	VBS Meeting
	1:30 PM	Session
MONDAY-FRI	9:00 AM	VBS

JUNE USHER CAPTAIN: Cathy Floyd

JUNE GREETER CAPTAIN: Cara Mock

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING

Today 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.

VBS SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21st in Westminster Hall. Come join us as we “Explore the Nature of God” and celebrate VBS 2026.

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

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Join other SC ECO churches on a mission trip to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, November 14 - 23, 2026. Visit and assist local churches with worship and with their National ECO Gathering. Contact Cathy Floyd by June 28th if you are interested.

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

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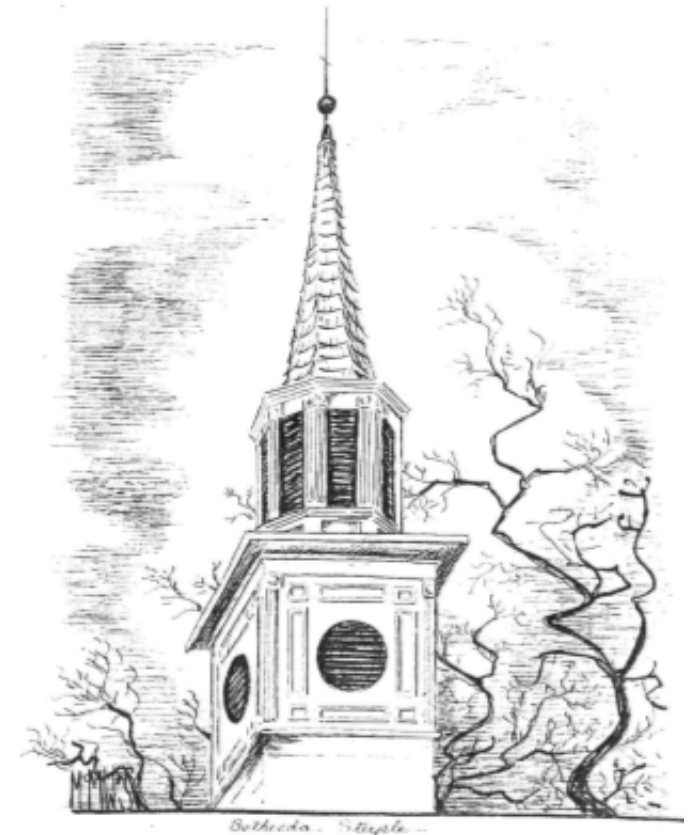
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Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

A nursery is available during worship service in the McArn Building, Rm 38.

How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!

From Psalm 119
The Psalter, 1912; alt., 1950

SPANISH HYMN: 7. 7. 7. 7. with Refrain
Source unknown
Har. by David Evans, 1927

1. How I love Thy law, O Lord! Dai - ly joy its truths af - ford;
2. Thy com - mand - ments in my heart Tru - est wis - dom can im - part;
3. While my heart Thy word o - beys, I am kept from e - vil ways;

In its con - stant light I go, Wise to con - quer ev - ery foe.
To my eyes Thy pre - cepts show Wis - dom more than sa - ges know.
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, May I nev - er turn a - side.

REFRAIN

Sweet - er are Thy words to me Than all oth - er good can be;

Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hat - ing false - hood, lov - ing right. A - MEN.

Music from *The Church Hymnary*, Revised Edition. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.
THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

O for a Closer Walk with God

(SECOND TUNE)

William Cowper, 1772

BEATITUDE: C. M.
John B. Dykes, 1875

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, A calm and heav - en - ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes - sen - ger of rest!
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, What - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST HOPE AND ASSURATION

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872
Refrain by Robert Lowry, 1872

NEED: 6. 4. 6. 4. with Refrain
Robert Lowry, 1872

1. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most gra - cious Lord; No oth - er voice but Thine
2. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Stay Thou near by; Temp - ta - tions lose their power
3. I need Thee ev - ery hour; Teach me Thy will, And Thy rich prom - is - es
4. I need Thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One; O make me Thine in - deed,

REFRAIN

Can peace af - ford.
When Thou art nigh. I need Thee, O I need Thee, Ev - ery hour I
In me ful - fill.
Thou bless - ed Son.

need Thee! O bless me now, my Sav - iour— I come to Thee! A - MEN.