

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 Prelude in A minor J.S. Bach

WELCOME Art Maxwell

CHORALE INTROIT “God is Working His Purpose Out” Martin Shaw

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

Leader: He forgives all our iniquity, He heals all our diseases.

People: He redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

People: So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Let us worship the Lord, whose mercy is greater than all our sin.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 8 “Bless, O My Soul! the Living God”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful Father, Have mercy upon us, according to Your steadfast love. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Too often we excuse our sin instead of confessing it. We hide behind appearances instead of seeking transformation. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Renew right spirits within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and strengthen us to walk in faithful obedience. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)*...**AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Because Jesus Christ has borne our sin upon the cross, everyone who trusts in Him is fully forgiven, completely cleansed, and forever reconciled to God. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

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. 236
“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Carl Mueller

*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 51
(OT Page 483, Pew Bible)

Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Psalm of Repentance” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60)
Our forgiveness rests not on our goodness but on God's grace in Jesus Christ. Christians have confessed this hope for centuries through the Heidelberg Catechism.

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

People: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined toward all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart. Amen.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*DEPARTURE HYMN NO. 215 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “The God of Abrahams Praise” Hebrew Melody

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, Jo McLeod

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas’), 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), Marie Wilson

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)

Our love and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Cross. The white rosebud is placed in loving memory of her. The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are from her Saturday funeral.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service

JULY USHER CAPTAIN: Jan Clyburn
JULY GREETER CAPTAIN: Mike Satterwhite

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Elders on the Session of Bethesda Presbyterian Church have called a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 9, 2026**, immediately following the 11:00am worship service for the purpose of electing two Elders to fill two vacant unexpired terms.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD JULY ITEMS

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for July: Erasers, Index cards, Calculators, Scissors, Stuffed animals, Old t-shirts to make jump ropes.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY- June 2026

2026 Budget	\$713,876
Income (YTD)	\$344,414
Expenses (YTD)	\$307,214

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:

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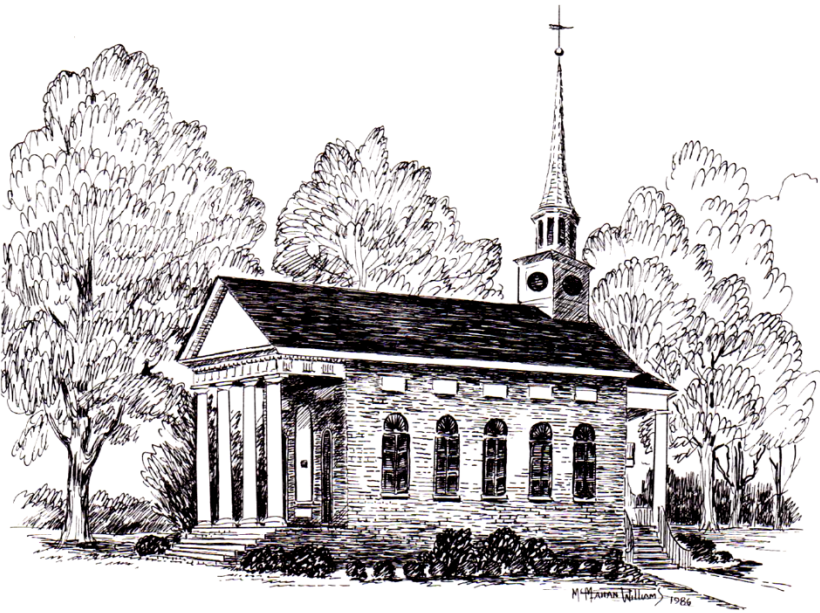
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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street
Camden, South Carolina
Est. 1822



Lord's Day, July 26, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

Bless, O My Soul! the Living God 8

From Psalm 103
Isaac Watts, 1719

PARK STREET: L. M.
Frederick M. A. Venua, c. 1810

1. Bless, O my soul! the liv - ing God; Call home thy thoughts that
2. Bless, O my soul! the God of grace; His fa - vors claim thy
3. 'Tis He, my soul! who sent His Son To die for crimes which
4. Let the whole earth His power con - fess, Let the whole earth a -

rove a - broad; Let all the powers with - in me join In work and
high - est praise: Why should the won - ders He hath wrought Be lost in
thou hast done: He owns the ran - som and for - gives The hour - ly
dore His grace; The Gen - tile with the Jew shall join In work and

wor - ship so di - vine, In work and wor - ship so di - vine.
si - lence and for - got, Be lost in si - lence and for - got?
fol - lies of our lives, The hour - ly fol - lies of our lives.
wor - ship so di - vine, In work and wor - ship so di - vine. A - MEN.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart 236

Attributed to George Croly, 1866

MORECAMBE: 10. 10. 10. 10.
Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth; through
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den rend - ing
3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul,
4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the strug - gles
5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion

all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
of the veil of clay, No an - gel vis - it - ant, no o - pening skies;
heart, and strength, and mind; I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling;
of the soul to bear, To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
fill - ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. A - MEN.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 215

Attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
Trans. and arr. by Ray Palmer, 1858

QUEBEC: L. M.
Henry Baker, 1854

1. Je - sus, Thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est those that on Thee call;
3. We taste Thee, O Thou liv - ing Bread, And long to feast up - on Thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for Thee, Wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast,
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, Make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

From the best bliss that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to Thee a - gain.
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, To them that find Thee All in all.
We drink of Thee, the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
Glad when Thy gra - cious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
Chase the dark night of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world Thy ho - ly light. A - MEN.

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JESUS CHRIST: HIS PRESENCE

American Red Cross
Blood Drive

 **Bethesda**
Presbyterian Church
Westminster Hall

 **August 5** |  **8 AM - 1 PM**

—♥ In Memory of Dr. Larry Parrott ♥—
♥ Give Blood. Help Save Lives.

 Register online at redcrossblood.org

BLAST KICKOFF

AUGUST 5, 2026

Preschool - 5th Grade

&

6th - 12th Grade

2:30 pm - 5:30pm

Ice Cream Social * Bounce House * Face Painting

Program Information

We will share information about our BLAST program, which begins Wednesday, August 5, and meets every Wednesday through May 19. We provide school pickup for elementary and middle school. This free program is available to children in the community.

Youth participants will take part in a service project by delivering meals to those with limited mobility and will also participate in a Bible study program.