

Order For the Public Worship of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. John 1:1
* If you are able, please stand in body or spirit for these acts of worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & GREETING

PRELUDE “His Eye Is on The Sparrow” Gabriel/ Kartsonakis

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord hears the cry of the poor and needy.
People: We come to worship the God of justice and mercy.
Leader: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."
People: We gather to learn the way of compassion.
Leader: God lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.
People: Open our eyes to see those at our gates.
Leader: Let us worship the God who calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
People: May our worship lead us to acts of justice and mercy.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 352 “Rise Up, O Men of God!”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Merciful God, Your word confronts us with the story of a rich man who lived in luxury while Lazarus suffered at his gate. We confess that too often we are like that rich man—comfortable in our abundance while remaining blind to the needs around us. We confess that we have walked past modern-day Lazaruses without seeing them. We have closed our hearts to the hungry, the homeless, and the hurting. We have been quick to judge the poor and slow to share our blessings. Forgive us, O God, for our hardness of heart. Forgive us for building walls instead of bridges, for hoarding instead of sharing, for living as if your gifts to us were meant for us alone. Help us to see Christ in the faces of those who suffer. Awaken us from our spiritual slumber before it is too late. Transform our hearts and our lives, that we may truly love our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus Christ, who became poor so that we might become rich in mercy, we pray. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of God's grace! The same God who heard Lazarus in his suffering hears your confession today. In Jesus Christ, God has bridged every chasm that separates us from divine love and from one another.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Mrs. Hannah Winstead
Children 3K through 2nd grade may leave for Children’s Worship Service.
McArn Building, Room 40.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 301 “A Charge to Keep I Have”

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 “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townsend/Shackley
(Tim Bordner, soloist)

*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 LESSON Luke 16:19-31
(N.T. Page 69, Pew Bible)

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

SERMON “The Rich Man and Lazarus” Rev. Partrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

* THE APOSTLES CREED Hymnal, page 12
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. 307 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*BENEDICTION

*THE GREETING OF PEACE
Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!

*POSTLUDE “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
Indian Folk Melody/Mark Hayes

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, Carol Meckstroth, Judy Martin, Elliott Sheorn, John Shaylor, Larry Parrott, Debbie Herman, Ken Mays, Roy Isaacson, Sally Huntley, Erline Vaughan (mail: c/o Hart Hayden, 106 Hickory Lane, Cayce, SC 29033)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon’s cousin), Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas’), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard’s mother), Barbara Cecil (Carolyn Drake’s sister), Christy Brazell (friend of Karen Lindsay), Diane Alexander (friend of Mike Eddings), Clint Baxley (Stephanie Batten’s brother), Betty Carges (family friend of Jim & Jo McLeod), Mary Wannamaker Hendrix, Huntley Duryea (The Windham’s nephew), Clair Orvin (friend of Jan Massalon), Nina Bell (Doug Bell’s sister-in-law), Paul Davis (friend of Freddie and Louise Myers), Colette Hearon (friend of the Floyds), Arthur Simon (friend of the Parnells), Debbie Durant (friend of the Massalons), Wallace Barr (Carolyn Hammond’s brother), George Carder (Jo McLeod’s cousin), Mike Mays (Bob Mays’ son), John Kennelly (friend of Angie & Lindsay Guy), Rev. Tim Erskine, Sophie Butcha (friend of the Satterwhites), John Hoke (Tom’s brother), Rory Gaffney (Tommy & Elizabeth Gaffney’s grandson)
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)

TODAY’S FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN loving memory of Alana and Shep Shepherd by Sharon Shepherd.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Fellowship
	9:30 AM	RISE
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	4:30 PM	Flower Guild
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Property Committee

JULY USHER CAPTAIN: Larry Gibbes
JULY GREETER CAPTAIN: Mike Satterwhite
GUEST MUSICIAN

Our guest musician today is Phil Marsceau. He lives in Bishopville and plays the cello, piano, and violin. He has been involved with church music in this area for several years. We welcome him to Bethesda, and we thank him for his contribution to today’s worship.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

We desperately need nursey volunteers for Sunday School and Church. The average is once per month, but the more volunteers, the less the commitment. Please contact Jan Massalon at 803-730-4841 or via email at 1611jfarrell@gmail.com.

SACKS OF LOVE

To continue this vital community outreach program, we need a new Coordinator as soon as possible. Please contact Art Maxwell at the church office if you are interested in learning more.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

July items needed: crayons, pens, notepads, washcloths, hairbrush, & combs.

NEW BETHESDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Neely Allen has accepted the position as the new director of Bethesda Christian School. Neely and her family recently moved back to Camden after a year in Texas for her husband, John’s, job. Neely has three children Paul, Luke, and Susie. Paul and Luke are graduates of BCS and they all cherish the time they spent here. Susie will be joining the two’s class starting in August. Neely was a neonatal intensive care nurse at Prisma Health Richland for eight years prior to moving to Texas. While in Texas, she served at her church, Flatonia Baptist Church, for a brief time as the Children’s Ministry Coordinator. She worked at the Children’s Center at USC while earning her bachelor’s degree in business. Also, she has been a lead teacher in the classroom. She has experience with children in different settings but her love for children has been evident throughout her life. She is looking forward to the opportunity to help the students learn and grow in the loving environment that has been created at Bethesda already. She hopes to continue to show the love of Christ to the children as they learn.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – JUNE 2025

2025 Budget	\$746,392
Income (YTD)	324,058
Expenses (YTD)	364,255

A nursery is available during the 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. – Annah Deal ’25, Jan Massalon ’26, John Stephenson ’27
Congregational Care - Joan Corbin ’25, Jo McLeod ’26., Bob Bates ’27
Property & Tech – Andrew Batten ’25, Jane Clyburn ’26, Thomas Martin ’27
Finances & Resources – Larry Gibbes ’25, Mike Satterwhite ’26, Lindsay Guy ’27
Worship & Evangelism – Bill Nettles ’25, Melanie Newman ’26, Jan Shumate ’27

Ministry Staff

Mr. Art Maxwell, Interim Head of Staff
Rev. Brent Kendall, Director of Evangelism, Outreach, & Ministries
Mrs. Hannah Winstead, Director of Children and Youth Ministry
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Dickinson, Directors of Music
Mr. Johnny Deal, Media Ministry Specialist
Mrs. Lisa Woolard, Moderator, Presbyterian Women
Mrs. Clara Fenton, Office Manager
Ms. Holley Ham, Staff Assistant
Mr. Tom Hoke, Facilities Manager

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Art Delperdang
Larry and Joy Parrott
Carol Rogers

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

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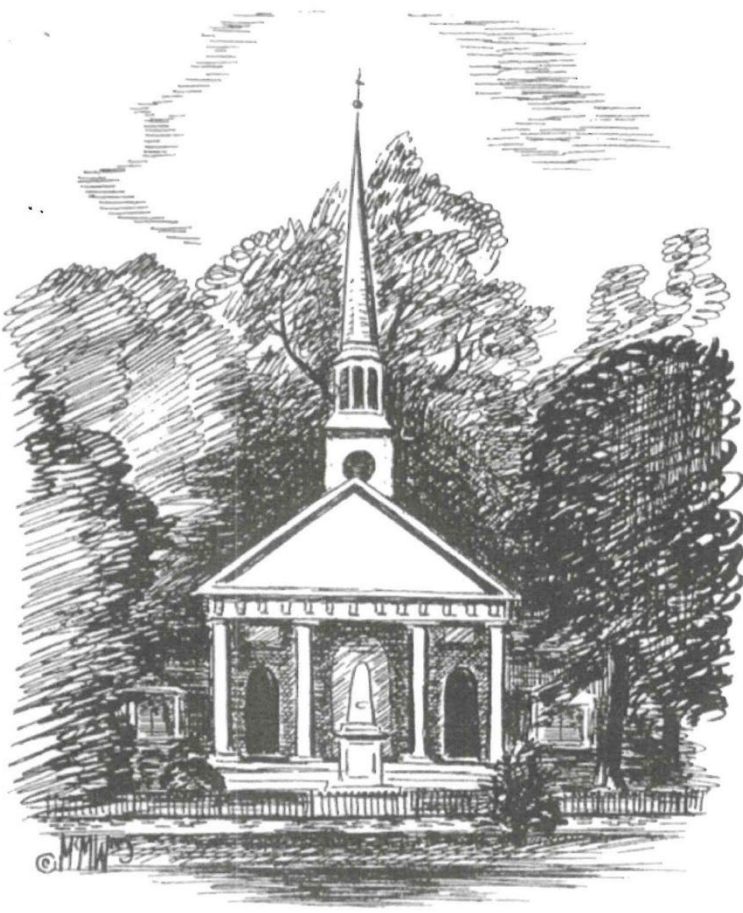
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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

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



Rise Up, O Men of God!

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William Pierson Merrill, 1911

FESTAL SONG: S. M.
William H. Walter, 1894

1. Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2. Rise up, O men of God! His King-dom tar - ries long;
3. Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait;
4. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;

Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of Kings.
Bring in the day of broth-er - hood And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task; Rise up, and make her great!
As broth-ers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O men of God. A-MEN.

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A Charge to Keep I Have

Charles Wesley, 1762; alt.

BOYLSTON: S. M.
Lowell Mason, 1832

1. A charge to keep I have, A God to glo - ri - fy,
2. To serve the pres - ent age, My call - ing to ful - fill;
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, As in Thy sight to live;
4. Help me to watch and pray, And on Thy - self re - ly,

A nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, And fit it for the sky.
O may it all my powers en - gage To do my Mas - ter's will!
And oh, Thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare A strict ac - count to give!
And let me ne'er my trust be - tray, But press to realms on high. A-MEN.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868

ANGEL'S STORY: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
Arthur H. Mann, 1881

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still;
4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will!
That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy serv - ant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my Guide.
But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou Guard - ian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend! A-MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION
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