

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	
TUESDAY	9:00 AM	PWCT
	10:30 AM	PW Circle
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

SEPTEMBER USHER CAPTAIN: Mike Eddings
SEPTEMBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Melanie Newman

GUEST MINISTER

The Rev. Charlie Buchanan joined the First Presbyterian staff in 2011 as Junior High Youth Director. After completing all of his educational and presbytery requirements, Charlie was ordained as an Assistant Pastor in April of 2015. In March of 2017 he became Associate Pastor of Student Ministries and in 2021 he became Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults. In 2025, Charlie began serving as the Associate Pastor of Men’s Discipleship and is currently working to engage the men of the congregation to step into the roles to which Christ has called them. A native of North Augusta, SC, Charlie graduated from the University of South Carolina with a BA in Psychology. He continued his studies at Erskine Theological Seminary, completing his Master of Divinity in 2011. Shortly after graduating, Charlie was brought on staff at First Presbyterian Church. Charlie and his wife, Carrie, have two children, Caroline and Charles.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30am in Westminster Hall.

BINGO

Thursday, September 17th at 10:00am in McArn Hall.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SEPTEMBER ITEMS

The Presbyterian Women will be collecting the following items for Sept.: Pencils, Crayons, Index cards, Bandages, Journals, Small toys, Doll babies, Old t-shirts for making jump ropes.

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starting Monday, September 14th at 6:30pm in John Knox Hall. **ALL** are welcome to join. Let Bo (803-459-4034) or Vicki Hungerford (hungerford.vicki@gmail.com) know if you would like to join.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY- July 2026

2026 Budget	\$713,876
Income (YTD)	\$415,756
Expenses (YTD)	\$341,481

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, Cara Mock ’28
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, John Stephenson ’27
Worship & Evangelism – Melanie Newman ’26, Jan Shumate ’27
Community Outreach – Cathy Floyd ’28, Amy Banks ’28

Ministry Staff

Rev. Patrick D. Cherry, Transitional Pastor
Col. (Ret.) Art Maxwell, Interim Assistant to the Senior Pastor
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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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 East DeKalb Street
Camden, South Carolina
Est. 1822



Lord's Day, September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

325 O for a Heart to Praise My God!

Charles Wesley, 1742

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

1. O for a heart to praise my God! A heart from sin set free;
2. A heart re-signed, sub-mis-sive, meek, My great Re-deem-er's throne;
3. A hum-ble, low-ly, con-trite heart, Be-liev-ing, true, and clean,
4. A heart in ev-ery thought re-newed, And full of love di-vine,
5. Thy na-ture, gra-cious Lord, im-part; Come quick-ly from a-bove;

A heart that al-ways feels Thy blood, So free-ly shed for me;
Where on-ly Christ is heard to speak, Where Je-sus reigns a-lone;
Which nei-ther life nor death can part From Him that dwells with-in;
Per-fect and right and pure and good, A cop-y, Lord, of Thine!
Write Thy new name up-on my heart, Thy new, best name of Love. A-MEN.

282 God, Be Merciful to Me

From Psalm 51
The Psalter, 1912

REDHEAD, NO. 76: 7. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7.
Richard Redhead, 1853

1. God, be mer-ci-ful to me, On Thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, Grief and guilt my soul op-press;
3. I am e-vil, born in sin; Thou de-sir-est truth with-in.
4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust By Thy wrath and judg-ment just,
5. Gra-cious God, my heart re-new, Make my spir-it right and true;

Plen-teous in com-pas-sion Thou, Blot out my trans-gres-sions now;
I have sinned a-gainst Thy grace And pro-voked Thee to Thy face;
Thou a-lone my Sav-iour art, Teach Thy wis-dom to my heart;
Let my con-trite heart re-joice And in glad-ness hear Thy voice;
Cast me not a-way from Thee, Let Thy Spir-it dwell in me;

Wash me, make me pure with-in, Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con-fess Thy judg-ment just, Speech-less, I Thy mer-cy trust.
Make me pure, Thy grace be-stow, Wash me whit-er than the snow.
From my sins O hide Thy face, Blot them out in bound-less grace.
Thy sal-va-tion's joy im-part, Stead-fast make my will-ing heart. A-MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ 284

Lucy Larcom, 1892

ST. EDMUND: 6. 4. 6. 4. 6. 6. 6. 4.
Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872; alt.

1. Draw Thou my soul, O Christ, Clos-er to Thine; Breathe in-to
2. Lead forth my soul, O Christ, One with Thine own, Joy-ful to
3. Not for my-self a-lone May my prayer be; Lift Thou Thy

ev-ery wish Thy will di-vine: Raised my low self a-bove, Won by Thy
fol-low Thee Through paths un-known: In Thee my strength re-new; Give me Thy
world, O Christ, Clos-er to Thee: Cleanse it from guilt and wrong; Teach it sal-

death-less love, Ev-er, O Christ, through mine Let Thy life shine.
work to do: Through me Thy truth be shown, Thy love made known.
va-tion's song, Till earth, as heaven, ful-fill God's ho-ly will. A-MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE
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