

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 “Adagio Cantabile” Beethoven

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 95:1–7)

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Leader: Today, let us hear His voice,

People: Let us not harden our hearts. Let us hear the voice of the Lord and worship Him with open hearts.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 44 “Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that our priorities are often out of order. We give our time, our energy, and our attention to the things that matter most to us, while giving You what is left over. We seek comfort before obedience, security before faith, and our own kingdom before Yours. Wake us from our spiritual sleep. Forgive us for the ways we have neglected You. Forgive our misplaced priorities, our self-centeredness, and our indifference to Your purposes. Turn our hearts back toward You. Teach us to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. And make our lives a dwelling place for Your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)*...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: God does not wake His people in order to condemn them. He wakes us because He loves us. In Christ, our sins have been forgiven, our guilt has been removed, and we have been reconciled to God. The invitation of the gospel is not: “Try harder so that God will accept you.” It is: “Because you have been accepted in Christ, now live as people who belong to Him.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

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. 344 “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee”

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 Anthem “Until We Rest in Thee” Sue Ellen Page

*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 Haggai 1:1–11

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

SERMON “A Wake-Up Call” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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, Jane Clyburn, Merry Bradley, Carol Meckstroth, Gail Sinclair, Sally Huntley

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), 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), Marie Wilson, Angelyn DuRant (Melanie Newman’s mother), Cade Hummel (son of Heather Stead Hummel)

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 Elizabeth Gaffney on the death of her grandson.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the Glory of God.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	1:30 PM	Session
	5:30 PM	BYG
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	BINGO

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

BCS BOOK FAIR

BCS is having their book fair this week in John Knox Hall. It will be open and available for anyone to come and purchase items today from 12:00-1:00pm.

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

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Art Delperdang
Joy Parrott

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

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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM



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

44 Come, My Soul, Thou Must Be Waking

Friedrich R. L. von Canitz, 1700
Trans. by Henry J. Buckoll, 1838

HAYDN: 8. 4. 7. 8. 4. 7.
Arr. from Franz Joseph Haydn, 1791

1. Come, my soul, thou must be wak - ing; Now is
2. Thou, too, hail the light re - turn - ing; Read - y
3. Pray that He may pros - per ev - er; Each en -
4. On - ly God's free gifts a - buse not, Light re -

break - ing O'er the earth in an - oth - er thy day;
burn - ing Be the the in - cense of thy powers;
deav - or, When thine aim is of good and true;
fuse not, But His Spir - it's voice o - bey;

Come to Him who made this splen - dor; See thou
For the night is safe - ly end - ed, God hath
But that He may ev - er thwart thee, And con -
Thou with Him shalt dwell, be - hold - ing Light en -

ren - der All thy fee - ble powers can pay.
tend - ed With His care thy help - less hours.
vert thee, When thou e - vil wouldst pur - sue.
fold - ing All things in un - cloud - ed day. A - MEN.

WORSHIP: MORNING

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344 If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

From Psalm 55
Georg Neumark, 1657
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863

NEUMARK: 9. 8. 9. 8. 8. 8.
Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, And hope in
2. On - ly be still, and wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, But do thine

Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's pleas - ure
own part faith - ful - ly; Trust His rich prom - is - es of grace,

And bear thee through the e - vil days; Who trusts in God's un -
And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; Nor doubt our in - most
So shall they be ful - filled in thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.
sook at need The soul that trust - ed Him in - deed. A - MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: PILGRIMAGE AND GUIDANCE

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301 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.