

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

PRELUDE “Poco Adagio” Camilla Saint-Saens

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Larry Gibbes

CHORAL INTROIT “For I am Called by Thy Name” Crawford Gates

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124:8; Exodus 15:1-2)  
Leader: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.  
People: The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation.  
Leader: The horse and rider He has thrown into the sea.  
People: Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously!

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN NO. 368 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)  
Merciful God, You have rescued us by Your mighty hand,  
yet we confess how quickly we forget Your grace. We look back  
longingly on the slavery of sin, we doubt Your power when the way  
is hard, and we fail to trust Your promise of life. Forgive us, Lord.  
Lift us up from fear and unbelief, and set our feet on the solid  
ground of Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray...  
(Silent confession)...AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which  
He will work for you today.” (Exodus 14:13) Friends, in Jesus  
Christ, the greater Moses, God has delivered us from sin and  
death. Believe and rejoice: in Him, we are forgiven, rescued, and  
free.  
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 Mrs. Hannah Winstead  
Children 3K through 2nd grade may leave for Children’s Worship Service.  
McArn Building, Room 40.

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 348 “Faith of Our Fathers!”

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 “Thanks Be to Thee” George Fredrick Handel  
\*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 Exodus 16:2-5,13-21  
(O.T. Page 58, Pew Bible)

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

SERMON Exodus: Preparing a People  
“Rescued”  
Rev. Patrick D. Cherry, Transitional Pastor  
Sermon Notes

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Theological Declaration of Barmen  
The Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934) was written by Karl Barth and  
others in Germany as a confession of faith against the Nazi-influenced “German Christian”  
movement, which sought to align the church with Hitler’s ideology. It declared that the church  
must recognize Jesus Christ alone as Lord, rejecting all other authorities that claimed  
ultimate allegiance.

People: As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of  
all our sins, so in the same way and with the same  
seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our  
whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance  
from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful  
service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as  
though there were areas of our life in which we would  
not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in  
which we would not need justification and  
sanctification through him.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

\*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 332 “Lead On, O King Eternal”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE “Lead On, O King Eternal” arr. T. Terius Noble

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, Carol Meckstroth, Judy  
Martin, John Shaylor, Larry Parrott, Ken Mays, Roy Isaacson, Sally  
Huntley, Erline Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Tommy Gaffney, Helen  
Young, Ellen Williams, Ron Mays, Kitty Sheorn, Jo McLeod

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), 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), Rory  
Gaffney (Tommy & Elizabeth Gaffney’s grandson), Nick Lindsay (Karen  
Lindsay’s brother), Loraine Truesdale (relative of the Parnell/Guy family)

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 honor of David and Lisa Woolard’s  
39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Fellowship
	9:30 AM	RISE
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Book Study
	5:30 PM	Youth
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Adult Bible Study
TUESDAY	4:00 PM	CE meeting-McArn conf. rm.
WEDNESDAY	11:00 AM	Worship Committee
	12:00 PM	Book Study
	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	5:00 PM	Drive-thru Dinner
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Property Committee Meeting

SEPTEMBER USHER CAPTAIN: Annah Deal

SEPTEMBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Jan Massalon

### BETHESDA TOWN HALL MEETING

Today in Westminster Hall following worship. We will share a potluck meal in fellowship, followed by a brief program to learn more about the role of your Transitional Pastor, the transitional process we will follow, and other important information concerning the “state of the church”. We will also receive a report from the Pastor Nomination Committee.

### AUTUMN FEST

Join us for our new Fall event, *Autumn Fest*, on Sunday, October 12, from 5–7 PM at Goodale State Park. The meal will include chicken and hamburgers. Please bring a side dish to share and invite your friends and family for a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

### JOY CLUB

Back by popular demand, the Joy Club will once again be going to the State Fair. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Bethesda at 9:00am and return around 3:00pm. Tickets will be pre-purchased for half price (\$10). We will need a final count by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call Jane Clyburn at 803-432-1674, email (jsclyburn@att.net), or text 803-484-1256. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

September items: Deflated soccer balls with pump, dolls, stuffed animals, toys. Any item that a child would be excited to receive.

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Drivers needed for the School Ministries Program on Monday-Friday from 7:30am-9:30am and for BLAST on Wednesdays from 2:00-2:45pm. For more information, please contact Hannah Winstead at 803-432-4593.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY – AUGUST 2025

2025 Budget	\$746,392
Income (YTD)	395,189
Expenses (YTD)	461,300

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**

Rev. Patrick D. Cherry, Transitional Pastor  
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. Neely Allen, Director of Bethesda Christian School  
Mrs. Clara Fenton, Office Manager  
Ms. Holley Ham, Staff Assistant  
Mr. Tom Hoke, Facilities Manager

### **Elders Emeriti**

Art Delperdang  
Larry and Joy Parrott  
Carol Rogers

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

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm; Friday Closed

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**Bethesda Christian School:** (803) 425-0080

Bethesda Christian School Email: [BCS@bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:BCS@bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org)



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502 East DeKalb Street  
Camden, South Carolina  
Est. 1822



**Lord's Day, September 28, 2025**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 AM**


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




# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 368

Edward Mote, c. 183

SOLID ROCK: L. M. with Refrain  
William B. Bradbury, 1863




1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood, Sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, Oh, may I then in




right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, But  
chang - ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My  
whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He  
Him be found; Dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

REFRAIN



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE

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# Faith of Our Fathers! 348

Frederick W. Faber, 1849; alt.


ST. CATHERINE: S. S. S. S. S.  
Henri F. Hemy, 1865  
Alt. by James G. Walton, 1871



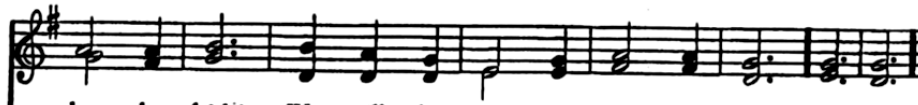
1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of  
2. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great power Shall win all  
3. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and



dun-geon, fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy  
na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God  
foe in all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how



When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,  
Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,  
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.  
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ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death. A - MEN.

LIFE IN CHRIST: LOYALTY AND COURAGE


# 332 Lead On, O King Eternal

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888


LANCASHIRE: 7. 6. 7. 6.  
Henry Smart, c. 1.




1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, The day of march has com  
2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall ceas  
3. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fear.



Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our hom  
And Ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet A - men of peac  
For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pear



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us stor  
For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drum  
Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light



And now, O King E - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.  
With deeds of love and mer - cy, The heaven-ly King-dom comes.  
The crown a - waits the con-quest; Lead on, O God of might. A-MI

Alternative tune, "Lianglofan," opposite page.

LIFE IN CHRIST: PILGRIMAGE AND GUIDANCE

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