

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 “Now Thank We All Our God” Karg-Elert

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “O God of Light, Thy Word, a Lamp Unfailing”
David Evans (Hymn 247)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19:7-9; Exodus 20:1-2)
Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.
Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.
People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
Leader: God has spoken to us, saying, “I am the Lord your God.”
All: We come to listen, to learn, and to live as God’s obedient people.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 81 “Before Jehovah’s Awful Throne”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)
Leader: God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God.”
People: Yet we confess we have not listened to Your voice or kept Your commands.
Leader: You call us to love You with all our heart.
People: But we give our love to lesser things.
Leader: You call us to honor Your name and keep Your day holy.
People: But we chase our own desires and forget Your rest.
Leader: You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
People: But we have turned inward and ignored the needs of others.
All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Write Your law upon our hearts and restore us to joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: “This is the covenant I will make with them, says the Lord:
I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.
I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”
(Jeremiah 31:33–34) 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 Mrs. Hannah Winstead
Children 3K through 2nd grade may leave for Children’s Worship Service.
McArn Building, Room 40.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 253
“How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!”

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 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” C. Hubert H. Perry
(The text can be found in your hymnal, hymn number 416.)
*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 20:1-21
(O.T. Page 61, Pew Bible)

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

SERMON Exodus: Preparing a People
“An Obedient People” Rev. Brent Kendall
Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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. 251 “O Word of God Incarnate”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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, Kitty Sheorn, Art Delperdang

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), 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), Susan Didato (friend of the Deals), Donna Dabbs (friend of Mary Carol Sanders)

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 placed in honor of Bethesda’s Worship Committee.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Fellowship
	9:30 AM	RISE
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	6:00 PM	Youth bonfire
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

OCTOBER USHER CAPTAIN: Robert Bates
OCTOBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Jane Clyburn

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, October 26th we will conduct a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing new Elders immediately following the worship service.

SACKS OF LOVE

Our Sacks of Love program desperately **NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**
Please contact Kathleen Hughes at 843-729-1842 or kchughes51@gmail.com if you can help.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October items: Deflated soccer balls with pump, dolls, stuffed animals, toys.
Any item that a child would be excited to receive. We are also accepting donations to help cover shipping costs. The cost per box is \$10 and our goal is 250 boxes. The deadline is November 9th.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2025

2025 Budget	\$746,392
Income (YTD)	476,583
Expenses (YTD)	521,144

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

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

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Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

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



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Before Jehovah's Awful Throne

From Psalm 100
Isaac Watts, 1705, 1719; alt.
Stanza 1 alt. by John Wesley, 1737

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

1. Be - fore Je - ho - vah's aw - ful throne, Ye na - tions, bow with
2. His sov - ereign power, with - out our aid, Made us of clay, and
3. We'll crowd His gates with thank - ful songs, High as the heavens our
4. Wide as the world is His com - mand, Vast as e - ter - ni -

sa - cred joy; Know that the Lord is God a - lone, He can cre -
formed us men; And when like wan - dering sheep we strayed, He brought us
voi - ces raise; And earth, with her ten thou - sand tongues, Shall fill His
ty His love; Firm as a rock His truth shall stand, When roll - ing

ate, and He de - stroy; He can cre - ate, and He de - stroy.
to His fold a - gain, He brought us to His fold a - gain.
courts with sound - ing praise, Shall fill His courts with sound - ing praise.
years shall cease to move, When roll - ing years shall cease to move. A - MEN.

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How I Love Thy Law, O Lord!

From Psalm 119
The Psalter, 1912; alt., 1950

SPANISH HYMN: 7. 7. 7. 7. with Refrain
Source unknown
Har. by David Evans, 1927

1. How I love Thy law, O Lord! Dai - ly joy its truths af - ford;
2. Thy com - mand - ments in my heart Tru - est wis - dom can im - part;
3. While my heart Thy word o - beys, I am kept from e - vil ways;

In its con - stant light I go, Wise to con - quer ev - ery foe.
To my eyes Thy pre - cepts show Wis - dom more than sa - ges know.
From Thy law, with Thee to guide, May I nev - er turn a - side.

REFRAIN

Sweet - er are Thy words to me Than all oth - er good can be;

Safe I walk, Thy truth my light, Hat - ing false - hood, lov - ing right. A - MEN.

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O Word of God Incarnate

(FIRST TUNE)

MUSICK: 7. 6. 7. 6. D.
Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Har. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

William Walsham How, 1867

1. O Word of God In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The Church from her dear Mas - ter Re - ceived the gift di - vine.
3. It float - eth like a ban - ner Be - fore God's host un - furled;
4. O make Thy Church, dear Sav - iour, A lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,
And still that light she lift - eth O'er all the earth to shine.
It shin - eth like a bea - con A - bove the dark - ling world.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Thy true light, as of old.

We praise Thee for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the gold - en cas - ket, Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the chart and com - pass That o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach Thy wan - dering pil - grims By this their path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
It is the heaven - drawn pic - ture Of Christ, the liv - ing Word.
Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see Thee face to face. A - MEN.

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