

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 “Waltz in A^b major” Johannes Brahms

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears” Eleanor Daley
(Ari Dickinson, soloist)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Revelation 21:1–4)

Leader: Behold! God is making all things new!

People: We worship the One who makes all things new.

Leader: The dwelling place of God is with His people.

People: He will dwell with us, and we will be His people.

Leader: He will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

People: Death shall be no more; mourning and crying and pain shall be no more.

Leader: The One who is seated on the throne declares, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

ALL: Come, let us worship the Lord, our beginning and our end, our dwelling place and our everlasting hope!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 152 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Faithful God, we confess that we too often live with our eyes fixed on the things of this world rather than on Your promises. We place our hope in what we can see, build, and control. We become discouraged by change and forget that You are making all things new. Forgive us for the ways we have neglected Your presence, resisted Your purposes, and failed to live as citizens of Your kingdom. Turn our hearts toward Jesus Christ, our true and lasting hope. Teach us to walk in Your light, to love our neighbors, and to anticipate the day when all things will be restored. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)...***AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord—not death or life, not the present or the future, not anything else in all creation. (Romans 8:38–39)
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hope is secure, and our future rests in the faithful hands of God.

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. 143 “At the Name of Jesus”

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 “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” Paul Manz

*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 Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Haggai: The True Temple” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus . Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord, the Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*DEPARTURE HYMN NO. 496 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, John Shaylor, Ken Mays, Erline Vaughan, Art Delperdang, Jo McLeod, Merry Bradley, Carol Meckstroth, Gail Sinclair, Sally Huntley, Elizabeth Nash

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), Robbie Bumgardner (Tom & Barbara Hoke’s brother-in-law), Gair Heady (friend of the Massalons), Judy Gustafsin

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)

THE FLOWERS PLACED TODAY are given in memory of Rev. Douglas McArn.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Lay Liturgist Class
	5:30 PM	BYG/Judgement House
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	11:00 AM	Worship Committee
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:45 PM	FALL FESTIVAL
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Property Committee

OCTOBER USHER CAPTAIN: Bob Bates
OCTOBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Jan Shumate

BETHESDA’S FLOWER GUILD
Meeting on Monday, November 2nd at 4:30pm in John Knox Hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
On Sunday, November 22 at 5pm, the youth and Bethesda's Flower Guild will decorate the Sanctuary and Westminster Hall for Christmas. The Guild will provide supper for the Youth. All covenant partners are invited to help us decorate for the Advent season. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, November 22 at 5pm.

BLESSINGS BOX ITEMS NEEDED
A Blessings Box has been installed on the church campus. The Bethesda Blessings Box provides a reliable source of non-perishable food and hygiene supplies to anyone in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our mission is to reduce food insecurity and support community well-being through accessible, safe, and consistent resources. Please bring non-perishable food items or hygiene supply items to help us stock the Blessings Box.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OCTOBER ITEMS
Our October collection items will focus on money to ship the boxes and our “Wow” gifts. These are gifts that the children really get excited to receive. They include items such as dolls, deflated soccer balls, toys, and stuffed animals.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY- September 2026

2026 Budget	\$713,876
Income (YTD)	\$532,577
Expenses (YTD)	\$433,829

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

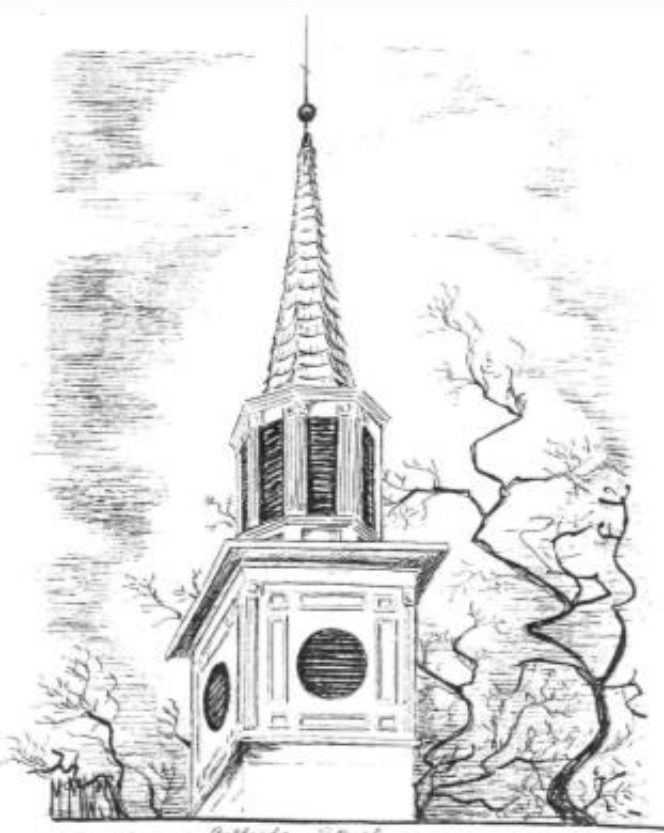
Elders Emeriti
Art Delperdang
Joy Parrott
Joan Corbin

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, October 25, 2026
Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

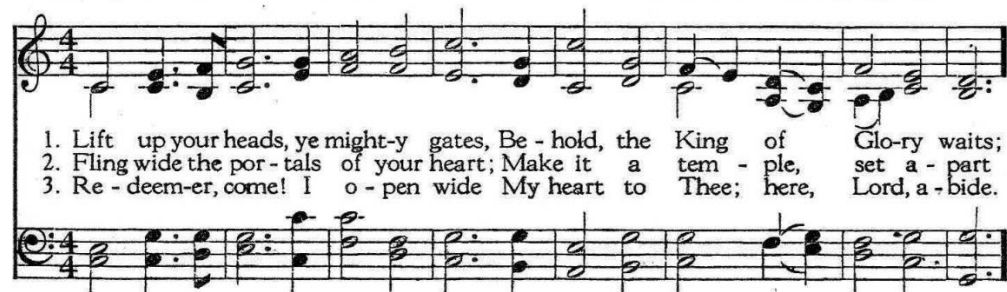
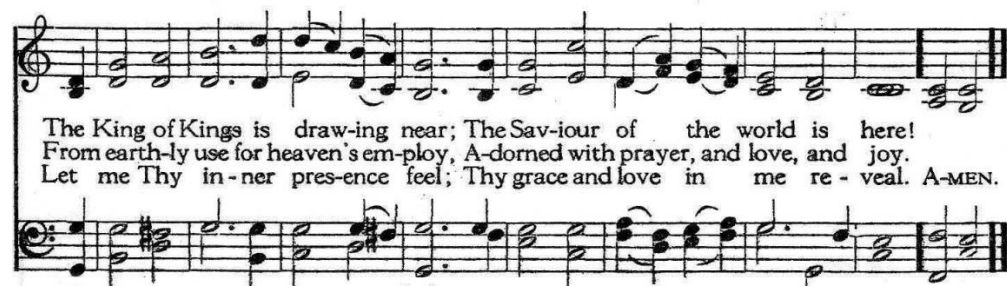


Our mission at Bethesda Presbyterian Church:
“To know, love, glorify, and serve our Lord God.”

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 152

From Psalm 24
George Weissel, 1642
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1855

TRIUMPH: L. M.
T. Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789



For higher key, see Hymn 481.

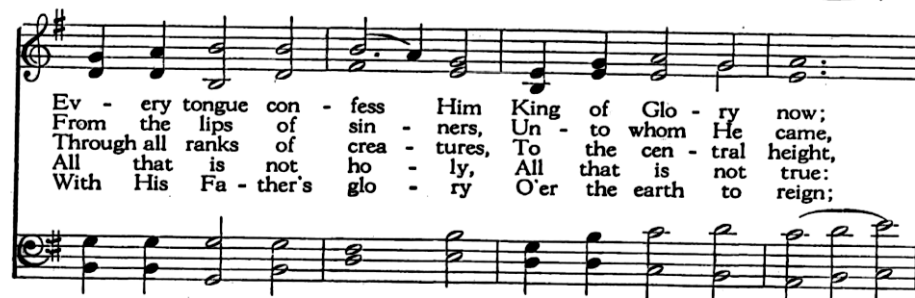
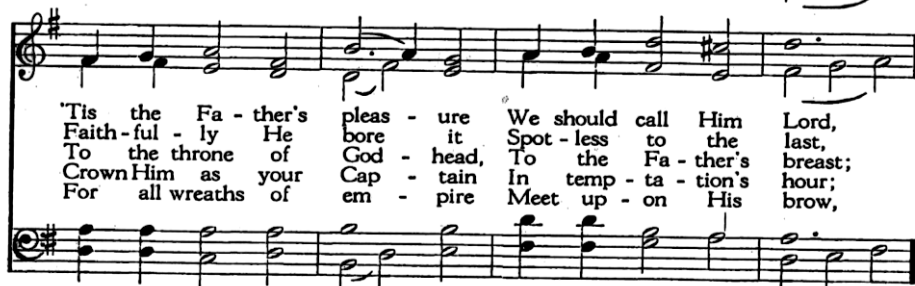
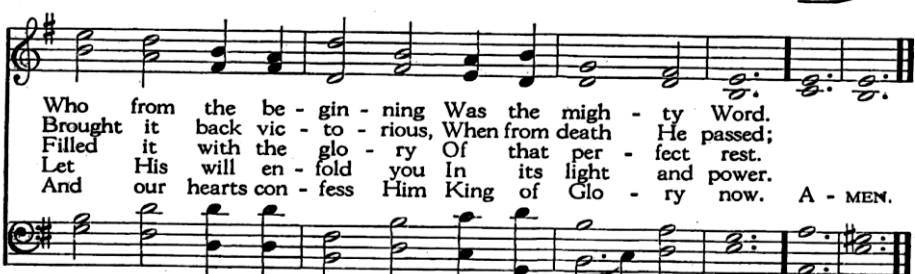
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JESUS CHRIST: HIS ADVENT

143 At the Name of Jesus

Caroline Maria Noel, 1870
Stanza 5 alt.

KING'S WESTON: 6. 5. 6. 5. D.
R. Vaughan Williams, 1925
Four-part arr. for this book, 1953



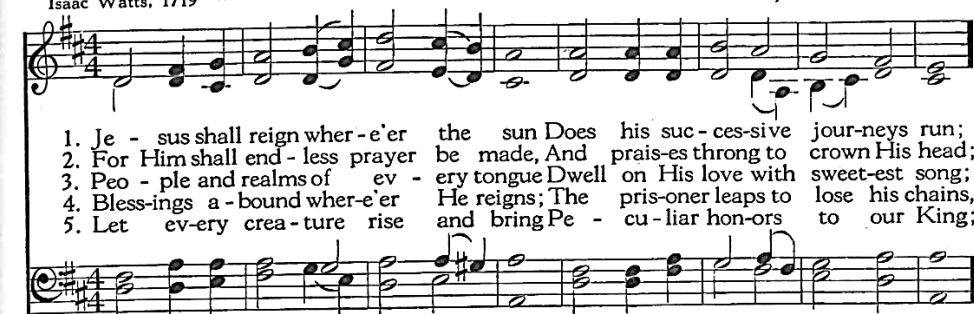
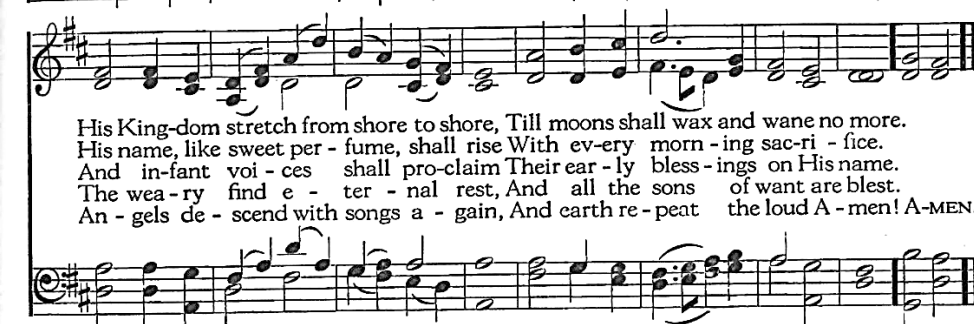
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JESUS CHRIST: ADORATION AND PRAISE

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From Psalm 72
Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET: L. M.
John Hatton, d. 1793



FALL FESTIVAL



Wednesday, October 28

5:45-7:00pm

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

I CAN:

____ Donate Candy
(Please put in bin outside of Brent's office)

____ Donate baked goods for the Cake Walk (cupcakes,
cookies, cakes, brownies & bring to the church on Tues, Oct.
27 & Wed, Oct. 28 morning)

____ Bring my decorated vehicle for Trunk or Treat and pass
out candy.

RESERVATION FOR
FALL FESTIVAL SUPPER
OCTOBER 28, 2026
WESTMINSTER HALL

MENU:
CHICKEN FINGERS
HOT DOGS
BEVERAGES

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Please return in offering plate.

RESERVATION FOR
MEALS FOR MISSIONS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

5:30-6:30pm

DRIVE-THRU

CHICKEN BOG

Slaw

roll

\$10 per plate

Desserts available from the
BCS Bake Sale!

Name: _____

plates _____

Please return in offering plate.

Last day to reserve is
Tuesday, November 3rd



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. You may purchase a poinsettia to be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Names of donors and those honored will be listed in the church bulletin. The cost is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to Bethesda and put Flower Guild on the memo line. Due by Tuesday, November 24th.

To the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Name:

Given By:

To the glory of God and in honor of:

Name:

Given By:

To the glory of God:

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