

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 “Prelude in G minor” J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “Come One, Come All, Come Follow” Phillip Dietterich
“The Kingdom of God” Conway A. Bolt, Jr.
(Bethesda Primary Choir)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146 & Micah 6:8)
Leader: The Lord upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.
People: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.
Leader: The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the widow and the orphan.
People: The Lord our God reigns forever!
Leader: Come, worship the God who calls us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 15 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
God of justice and compassion, You have shown us what is good: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. Yet we confess that we have often chosen comfort over courage, silence over truth, and self-interest over love for neighbor. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from those in need, and for when we have benefitted from systems that harm others. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and renew in us hearts that hunger for righteousness. Through Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, we pray...(Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: 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. 122
“God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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.

TTTHES & OFFERINGS
Invitation
Offertory Anthem “Show Me Thy Ways” (Psalm 25) Walter L. Pelz
*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 22:21-23:9
(O.T. Page 64, Pew Bible)

Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!
SERMON Exodus: Preparing a People
“A Just People” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry
Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the ECO Essential Tenets, Sections II & IV
In this calling we participate with God in His mission to heal a broken and hurting world. We are sent to bear witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed, to proclaim the Gospel, and to work for reconciliation, justice, and peace. The Church is the body of Christ. As members of this body, we are sent to serve the poor, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and comfort those who mourn. We are to be a community marked by grace, humility, justice, and love.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 341
“Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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), 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 given to the glory of God by the Bethesda Flower Guild.

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
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
OCTOBER USHER CAPTAIN: Robert Bates		
OCTOBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Jane Clyburn		

BETHESDA PRIMARY CHOIR

Charlie Campbell	Isabella McClung	Elliott Smith
Rory Campbell	Josiah McClung	Miley Whitley
Mason Huggins	Phoebe McClung	Edith-Banks Winstead
Eli McClung	Lorelei Ortega	

FALL FESTIVAL/TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 29 FROM 5:45-7:00PM
5:45pm—Fall Festival in Westminster Hall
Dinner: Corn Dogs/Chicken Tenders
6:45pm—Trunk or Treat—in the parking lot.

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 7th.

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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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Lord's Day, October 26, 2025

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM

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



15 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690)
Trans. by Frances E. Cox (1812-1897)

MIT FREUDEN ZART: 8. 7. 8. 7 8. 8. 7.
Pre-Reformation melody
From the Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch, 1566

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre - a - tion,
2. What God's al-might-y power hath made, His gra-cious mer - cy keep - eth;
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But, through all grief dis - tress - ing,
4. Thus, all my toil-some way a - long, I sing a-loud Thy prais - es,

The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal -
By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His watch-ful eye ne'er
An ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and
That men may hear the grate - ful song My voice un-wea - ried

va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - ery faith-less
sleep - eth; With-in the king-dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
bless - ing; As with a moth - er's ten - der hand, He leads His own, His
rais - es; Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y

mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - MEN.

Alternative tune. "Nun Freut Euch," opposite page.
WORSHIP: ADORATION AND PRAISE

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122 God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

John J. Moment, b. 1875

O QUANTA QUALIA: 11. 11. 11.
La Feillée's Méthode du plain-chant, 18

1. God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us;
2. Wan - dering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,
3. How shall we stray, with Thy hand to di - rect us,

Giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing,
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy word of con - sol - ing;
Thou who the stars in their cours - es art guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day do Thou send us,
Wrap now Thy peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,
What shall we fear, with Thy power to pro - tect us,

Pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.
Guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - troll - ing.
We who walk forth in Thy great - ness con - fid - ing? A - ME

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GOD: HIS PRESENCE

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341 Lead Us, O Father, in the Paths of Peace

William Henry Burleigh, 1859

LANGRAN: 10. 10. 10. 10.
James Langran, 1862

1. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace: With - out Thy guid - ing
2. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of truth: Un - helped by Thee, in
3. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right: Blind - ly we stum - ble
4. Lead us, O Fa - ther, to Thy heav - en - ly rest, How - ev - er rough and

hand we go a - stray, And doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in - crease;
er - ror's maze we grope, While pas - sion stains and fol - ly dims our youth,
when we walk a - lone, In - volved in shad - ows of a dark - ening night;
steep the path - way be, Through joy or sor - row, as Thou deem - est best,

Lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.
And age comes on un - cheered by faith or hope.
On - ly with Thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.
Un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in Thee. A - MEN.

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