

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 “Consolation” Felix Mendelsohn

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “Give to the Wind Thy Fears” Hymn 364

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 46:1–3, 10–11; 34:18)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

People: When life feels uncertain, our hope remains in the Lord.

Leader: “Be still, and know that I am God”, says the Lord

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who remains faithful in every season.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 26 “O Worship the King”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, when life does not unfold as we hoped, we confess that we struggle to trust You. We allow disappointment to become bitterness, fear to determine our choices, and circumstances to define what we believe about You. We forget Your faithfulness in the past. We demand to understand what You are doing in the present. And we fear that You will not provide for our future. Forgive us, Lord. Meet us in our weakness. Restore our trust in Your steadfast love. And teach us to cling to You when we cannot yet see what You are doing. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Hear now our silent personal confession...*(Silent confession)*...**AMEN**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:35, 37–39)

Leader: Hear the good news: “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine...?” Paul answers: “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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. 366

“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

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 “Sine Nomine” Ralph Vaughn Williams, arr. Rosenberg

*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 Ruth 1:1-22

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Ruth: When Life Falls Apart” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God’s People

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*DEPARTURE HYMN NO. 190 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*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), 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 to the Glory of God.

As you leave worship you are given the opportunity to contribute to the **Discretionary Fund**, which is used to meet the emergency needs of the people within the community. The ushers will be at the door to accept your gifts.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	5:30 PM	BYG
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	10:00 AM	PWCT
	1:00 PM	Congregational Care
TUESDAY	4:30 PM	Flower Guild
	4:00 PM	CE Committee
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	6:00 PM	Outreach
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
	5:30 PM	Meals for Missions

NOVEMBER USHER CAPTAIN: Amy Banks
NOVEMBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Bill Brooks

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bethesda is partnering with Samaritan's Purse once again for Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes are available in Westminster Hall, along with packing instructions included in each shoebox. Please return your shoebox to the church by **Thursday, November 19th**. Serve in Charlotte! On **Wednesday, December 9th**, Bethesda will travel to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Warehouse in Charlotte, NC, to help pack shoebox gifts for children. We will leave Bethesda at **3:30 p.m.** and return around **10:30 p.m.** This mission opportunity is open to everyone **age 13 and older**. To participate, contact Brent Kendall. Each participant must register using their own email address. Together, we can share God's love and the joy of Christmas with children around the world!

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 ITEMS

For the next few weeks, we will focus on raising money to ship the boxes. Each box costs \$10 to ship. Our goal this year is to ship 250 boxes; therefore, we need to raise \$2,500! In addition to raising money, we will still be accepting any items you may have to help fill all those boxes.

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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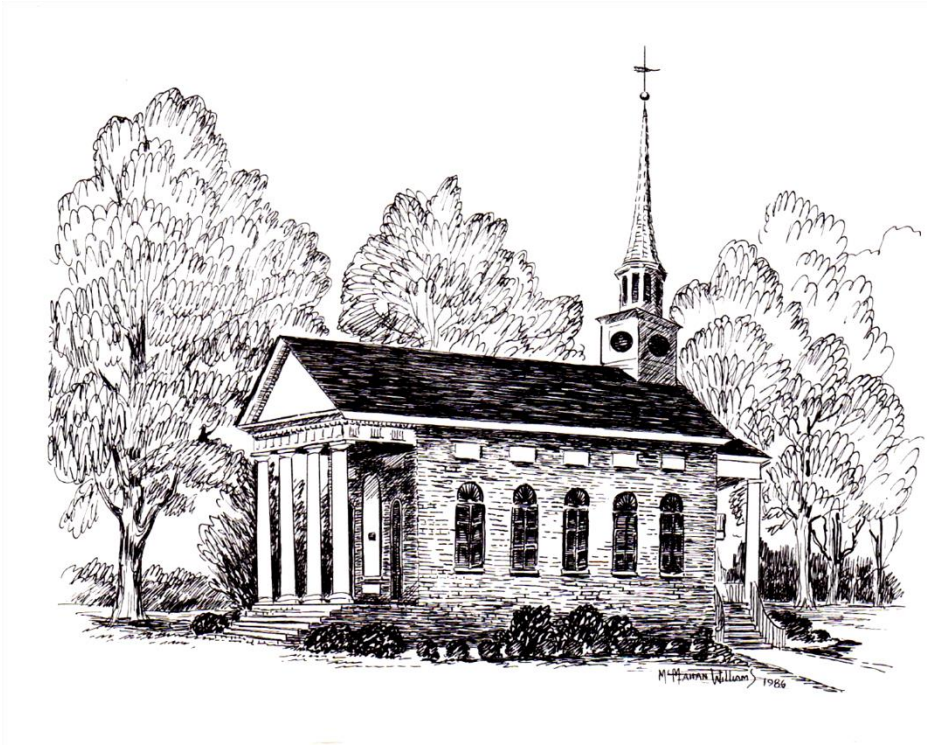
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Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Camden, South Carolina
Est. 1822



Lord's Day, November 1, 2026

All Saints Day

11:00 AM



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

26 O Worship the King All Glorious Above

From Psalm 104
Robert Grant, 1833

LYONS: 10. 10. 11. 11.
Adapted from J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

1. O wor-ship the King all glo-rious a - bove, O grate-ful - ly sing His
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose
3. The earth with its store of won-ders un - told, Al-might-y, Thy power hath
4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the air, it
5. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor

power and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An-cient of Days,
can - o - py space. His char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds form,
found-ed of old; Hath stab-lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
find Thee to fail; Thy mer-cies how ten-der, how firm to the end,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend. A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Hanover," below.

Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

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Samuel Rodigast, c. 1675
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863

WAS GOTT THUT DAS IST WOHLGETHAN: 8. 7. 8. 7. 4. 8. 8.
Severus Gastorius
Weimar Gesangbuch, 1681

1. What-e'er my God or - dains is right; His ho - ly will a - bid - eth;
2. What-e'er my God or - dains is right; He nev - er will de - ceive me;
3. What-e'er my God or - dains is right; Here shall my stand be tak - en;

I will be still, what - e'er He doth, And fol - low where He guid - eth.
He leads me by the prop - er path; I know He will not leave me,
Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet am I not for - sak - en;

He is my God; Though dark my road, He holds me that I
And take, con - tent, What He hath sent; His hand can turn my
My Fa - ther's care Is round me there; He holds me that I

shall not fall; Where - fore to Him I leave it all.
griefs a - way, And pa - tient - ly I wait His day.
shall not fall, And so to Him I leave it all. A - MEN.

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LIFE IN CHRIST: FAITH AND ASSURANCE

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872

ST. CHRISTOPHER: 7. 6. 8. 6. 8. 6.
Frederick C. Maker, 1881

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand—
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place:

The shad - ow of a might - y Rock With - in a wea - ry land;
The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of His face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
And from my strick - en heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess—
Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss:

From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, And the bur - den of the day.
The won - ders of re - deem - ing love And my un - worth - i - ness.
My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross. A - MEN.

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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