

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

WELCOME Rev. Brent Kendall

CHORAL INTROIT “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” M. Praetorius

*CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING
Bob & Lex Bates

Leader: The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.”

People: For what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Leader: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

People: We rejoice that Emmanuel has come—God with us in our fears.

~*Lighting the Candle of Peace* ~

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our Peace and our Redeemer.

People: Calm our fears and dwell among us.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 158 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we often live more by fear than by faith. We cling to control instead of trusting Your Word. We worry about tomorrow and forget that You are with us today. Forgive us, calm us and renew us. Teach us to rest in Your presence and to find our peace in Your promises. Hear now our silent confession...*(Silent confession)...***AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Leader: Hear the good news: “Do not be afraid... they shall call him Emmanuel,” which means, God with us. In Jesus Christ, God comes near with forgiveness and peace.

All: Thanks be to God! In Christ, we are forgiven.

* 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. 159 “What Child Is This”

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 “Ding Dong Merrily on High” arr. Candlyn

*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 Matthew 1:18-25
(N.T. Page 1, Pew Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God With Us in Our Fears” Rev. Patrick D. Cherry

Sermon Notes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s 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. 160 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*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, Ken Mays, Roy Isaacson, Sally Huntley, Erline Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Tommy Gaffney, Helen Young, Kitty Sheorn, Art Delperdang

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: 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), Nina Bell (Doug Bell’s sister-in-law), Paul Davis (friend of Freddie and Louise Myers), Colette Hearon (friend of the Floyds), 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)

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Elder Training
	4:30 PM	Youth
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	11:00 AM	Worship Committee
	11:30 AM	PW Luncheon
	3:30 PM	Shoebox Trip
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:30 PM	Handbells
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

DECEMBER USHER CAPTAIN: John Stephenson
DECEMBER GREETER CAPTAIN: Andrew Batten

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree gifts are due today. Please make sure your gifts are in McArn Hall under the tree.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND SUPPER

Please join us for our annual Christmas program on Wednesday, December 17th at 5:45pm in Westminster Hall. Supper will be chili and dessert. Please RSVP by December 14th.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG

We will have a Christmas get-together on Sunday, December 21st at 10:00am in Westminster Hall. Bo will lead us with a carol sing along. Please join us for fellowship and fun.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24th at 3:30pm a contemporary service in Westminster Hall & at 5:30pm a traditional service also in Westminster Hall.

5th SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

The luncheon has been rescheduled to January 25th

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2025

2025 Budget	\$746,392
Income (YTD)	524,640
Expenses (YTD)	574,149

A nursery is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Room 3

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
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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Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

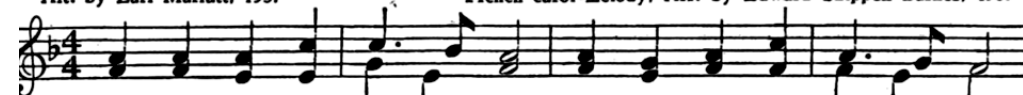
11:00 AM

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



Anon.
Alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937

GLORIA: 7. 7. 7. 7. with Refrain
French carol melody. Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



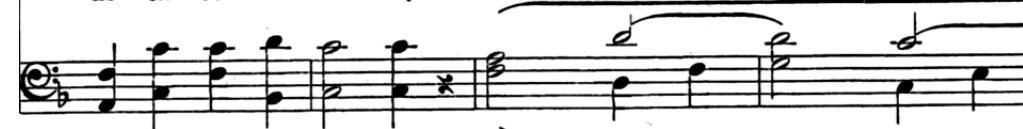
And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad ti - dings did you hear?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Mar - y, Jos - eph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. A-MEN.



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JESUS CHRIST: HIS BIRTH

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GREENSLEEVES: 8. 7. 8. 7. with Refrain
English melody
Probably 16th century

William C. Dix (1837-1898)



1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;



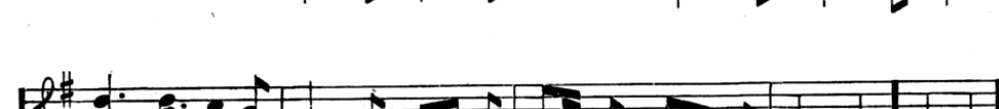
Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of Kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



REFRAIN



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y. A-MEN.

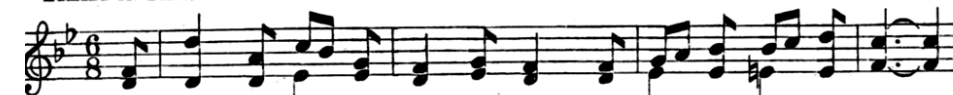


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Edmund H. Sears, 1849

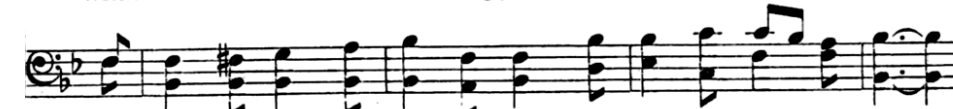
CAROL: C. M. D.
Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



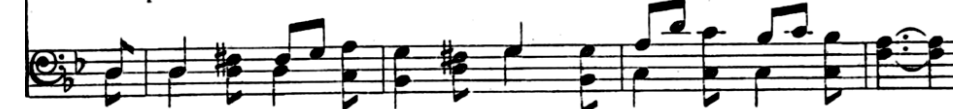
1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
4. For lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et bards fore - told,



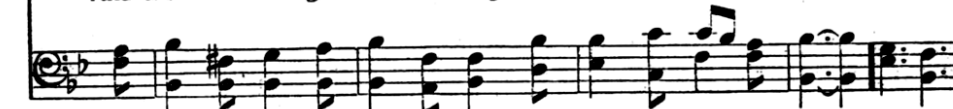
From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all - gra - cious King":
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing.
And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A-MEN.



JESUS CHRIST: HIS BIRTH

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Poinsettias to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Prince given by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Tucker.
Mr. & Mrs. C.M. Tucker, Jr. given by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Tucker.
Kim Barfield given by the Barfield and Floyd Families.
George Floyd given by the Floyd Family.
Our beloved parents given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bates.
Howard Speaks and Walter & Elizabeth Long
given by the Long & Speaks’ Families.
Nettles & Lib Myers Sr. given by Fred & Louise Myers.
Parents: Curtis & Margaret Cecil, husband & father: Peter Drake
given by Carolyn Drake, Christy, Cathy, and Matt.
Vera and Foster Hughes given by the Hughes Family.
Pearl and Wesley Crawford given by the Hughes Family.
Mildred Smith given by Carolyn and Billy Nowlen.
Fay Elliott given by Carolyn and Billy Nowlen.
Thomas and Clara McLeod given by Art & Darlene McLeod Maxwell.
Ginny and Tex Maxwell given by Art & Darlene Maxwell.
Dr. Sheryl Sweet and Thomas Marion McLeod given
by Art & Darlene Maxwell.
Our parents Jack & Carol Bacon and Gayle & Donna Brooks
given by Alice and Bill Brooks.
Dr. Larry Parrott given by the Parrott Family.



Poinsettias to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Our parents; Dot and Joe McLean, Bill Prestage given by
Cindi and Rod Prestage.
Our grandparents; The McLeans, Moorefields, Cortrights,
and Prestages given by Cindi and Ron Prestage.
Annie Boykin given by John and Ellen Stephenson.
Margaret Boykin given by John and Ellen Stephenson.
L. Whitaker and Alice Boykin given by Whit & Susan Boykin.
Glenn and Betty Hunt given by Whit & Susan Boykin.
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jordan given by Bobby & Linda Parnell.
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parnell given by Bobby & Linda Parnell.
Elliott Sheorn given by Beverly Sheorn.
Jessie, Dudley, Barbara, and Olive Calhoun given by Tim Calhoun.
My husband, Douglas Metzger given by Betty Metzger.
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Dickinson given by
Arthur & Parolee D. Delperdang.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Delperdang given by Arthur & Parolee D. Delperdang.
Walter, Jane, and Taylor Barron given by their family.
Dr. and Mrs. Gil Woolard given by the David Woolard family.
Bill McAbee and Pam McGreevy given by the David Woolard family.
Mary Louise Mays given by Ken Mays.



Poinsettias to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Beth and Jack Jones given by Cathy Hough & Elizabeth Lawson.
George Hough given by Cathy Hough & Elizabeth Lawson.
Edith W. DuBose given by the Ziemke family.
Charles P. DuBose given by the Ziemke family.
Beulah Hammond Marshall given by Dwight & Linda Marshall.
Mary Marshall Youmans given by Dwight & Linda Marshall.
Amy Lynn Youmans given by Dwight & Linda Marshall.
James Vernon Sinclair given by Gail & Sharon Sinclair.
James Michael Sinclair given by Gail & Sharon Sinclair.
Our Mothers, Ruth Krohmer & Gene McCombs
given by Richard & Sandy McCombs.
Our parents and son Andrew given by Jim & Jo McLeod.
Clyde Marcus Jones given by Emily C. Jones.
Clyde Jones, Pat & Jack Deal given by Annah and Johnny Deal & family.
Daniel Henry Bull, Jr. given by Rick & Elizabeth Reames.
Joe Shull given by Sandy, Joe, and Adam Shull.
Dickie Tiller given by Kay Tiller.
Our parents given by Kay Tiller.
Angus & Lou Beth Kelly given by Jody & Cheryl Kelly.
Lillian Vosie given by Jody & Cheryl Kelly.
Dr. James D. Jordan given by Babs Jordan & family.



Poinsettias to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

- Bill Sailors given by Ann and Children.
- Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Anderson Sr. given by
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Shumate.
- Janet Houston Anderson given by
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Shumate.
- Kenneth Joe & Kathryn Elizabeth Herman &
Henry Abraham & Betty Mae Whitman given by the Herman Family.
- Mr. Foster Ravenel Cain, Jr. given by
Mr. & Mrs. William DeLoache Nettles, Jr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Eugene Johnson, Sr. given by
Mr. & Mrs. William DeLoache Nettles, Jr.
- Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Eugene Johnson, Jr. given by
Mr. & Mrs. William DeLoache Nettles, Jr.
- Jean Chickering Eddings given by Mike Eddings,
Mark and Gordon Chickering and family.
- Edward & Sadie Shaylor given by John & Linda Shaylor.
- Sam & Margaret Lytchfield given by John & Linda Shaylor.
- Poinsettias to the glory of God and in honor of:**
- All members of Bethesda given by Fred & Louise Myers.
- Teresa Higgins, Annah Deal, and Marc Jones and their families
given by Emily C. Jones.
- Bethesda’s Ministry Staff given by Mike & Melanie Newman.
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bates given by the Roy Isaacson family.
- Shaun, Olivia, Wyatt & Gavin Cobb and Bobby, Emily, Madelyn &
Mason Huggins given by Kenneth and Debbie Herman.

Poinsettias to the glory of God:

- Given by John and Ellen Stephenson.
- Given by Mike & Windy Satterwhite.