

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

Bill and Pam Nettles

Leader: The angel said, “Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all the people.”

**People: To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is
the Messiah, the Lord.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And on earth peace among those whom He favors!

~Lighting the Candle of Joy ~

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our Joy and our Salvation.

People: Fill our hearts with the song of heaven.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 165 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, You offer us good news of great joy in Christ,
yet we confess how quickly we let fear, worry, and disappointment
overshadow Your promises. We are slow to rejoice, quick to
complain, and often blind to the gifts all around us.**

**Forgive us, Lord. Restore to us the joy of our salvation,
and teach us to trust You even in the ordinary places where Your
glory still seeks to break in. Hear now our silent confession...**

(Silent confession)...AMEN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON based on Luke 2:10-11

Leader: Hear the good news: “Fear not, for I bring you good news of
great joy for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” In Christ, **we are forgiven,
loved, and made new.**

* 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. 164 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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 “In the Bleak Midwinter” Harold Darke
(Lee Wilcox, soloist)

*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

Luke 2:8-20

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “God With Us in Our Joy” 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. 171 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*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), Betty Coffee
(friend of Bethesda)

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 wreath on the Sanctuary’s DeKalb Street façade is given by the
Kornegay Family in loving memory of Caleb Grainger and Saluda Dunbar
Kornegay, Sr., C. Grainger and Roberta Edens Kornegay, Jr., John D. and
Aimee Reese Kornegay, Jr., and George Van Metre Kornegay.

The wreath on the DeKalb Street façade of Westminster Hall is given
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Nettles and Beth Nettles by the
Nettles Family.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:15 AM	Fellowship
	10:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	1:30 PM	Session
	5:30 PM	Youth
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Bible Study
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Men’s Breakfast
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	BLAST
	5:45 PM	Christmas Program
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	BCS Christmas Program

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

MEN’S BREAKFAST
Join the men Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30am in Westminster Hall for good food and fellowship.

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Thursday, December 18th at 9:30am in Westminster Hall.

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

502 East DeKalb Street
Camden, South Carolina
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Lord's Day, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

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



Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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Medieval Latin
Para. by John Mason Neale, 1853

IN DULCI JUBILO: 6. 6. 7. 9. 7. 8. 5. 5.
German melody, 14th century
Har. in Christmas Carols Old and New, 1871; alt., 1953

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: News! news! Je - sus Christ is born to - day:
Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Joy! joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
He has oped the heaven - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save! A - MEN.

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Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

From the Polish
Para. by Edith M. G. Reed (1885-1933)

W ZŁODIE LĘCY: 4. 4. 7. 4. 4. 7. 4. 4. 4. 7.
Polish carol
Har. by David Hugh Jones, 1953

1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were sleep - ing; Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Ti - dings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing,
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing

Tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Greet the mor - row: Christ the Babe was born for you. A - MEN.

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JESUS CHRIST: HIS BIRTH

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS: 8. 6. 8. 6. 7. 6. 8. 6.
Lewis H. Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is given!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth;
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el. 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.

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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.



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George Hough given by Cathy Hough & Elizabeth Lawson.

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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.



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- 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.
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- Edward & Sadie Shaylor given by John & Linda Shaylor.
- Sam & Margaret Lytchfield given by John & Linda Shaylor.
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- Teresa Higgins, Annah Deal, and Marc Jones and their families
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- 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 &
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- Given by Mike & Windy Satterwhite.