



**“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant
just as I had mercy on you”**

Matthew 18:33

**Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Aberdeen, North Carolina
Founded 1788**

*“Glorifying God by proclaiming the gospel of
Jesus Christ through love, faith, prayer and service.”*

Service for the Lord's Day
September 16, 2020 Eleven O'clock
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Wood

† **Congregational Introit #435 v.1**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

† **Call to Worship**

Leader: Lord, we come trusting your tender mercy is for all.

People: We give thanks your mercy has come to us.

Leader: We come seeking strength to live in ways pleasing to you.

People: We come seeking to experience fullness in our lives.

Leader: We come with thanks for your abiding presence in our lives.

ALL: Merciful Lord, help us know we are accepted and deeply loved. Having received mercy, help us to show mercy towards others.

† **Hymn #667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess what we have done and left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We have hungered after things which do not satisfy.

We have shunned your call to be merciful.

Have mercy upon us, through Jesus we pray, Amen. [Silence]

Assurance of Pardon

† Sharing of the Peace

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another from your space.)

† Congregational Response #582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 114

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Traditional Hymn

Aaron Vandermeer, trumpet

Larry Arnold, piano

New Testament Readings

Matthew 18:21-35

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Hearts Full of Mercy”

Hymn #465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Converse

ENACTING THE WORD

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **Affirmation of Faith**

From a Brief Statement of Faith

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

† **Closing Hymn #306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Darwall's 148th

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Postlude**

The Festive Trumpet

Glyncannon

† Please stand, as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Endowment Sunday: September 20th is birthday endowment Sunday. We humbly ask that each person, young and old, make a gift of at least \$1.00 for every year of their life! As we have done previously, the total amount collected goes directly into the General Endowment Fund. The Session makes the decisions on how to use the General Endowment funds. Our By-Laws state that the funds are to be used to support the physical plant, local service, education, and mission work of the church for programs, and projects not included in the annual operating budget.

Giving – You may now give your offerings and pledges online through our website (click the give online now button) or by texting BPC1788 and the dollar amount to 73256. Thank you for your continued financial support. We appreciate that you are keeping up with your offerings and pledges! In addition to eGiving, you may mail these to the church or drop them in the labeled boxes in the sanctuary.

Elevator Campaign - Many thanks for all the individuals/families who have contributed. With your contributions added to all other sources we have a total of: \$219,998. We're moving!

Habitat for Humanity – We now have 10 out of 12 volunteers (ages 16 and up) needed to help with a Habitat build in Hoke County Saturday, October 24th 7:15-1:30pm. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, please call the church office 944.1319!

New Website – Bethesda has a new website. It is at the same address as before: www.bethesdapres.church Be sure to check it out!

Blood drive – Thank you to everyone who came out to help or donate blood for our blood drive on Thursday. Our goal was to collect 30 units; we collected 47! It was a great success!

Prayers and sympathies – To Eric Braun and family upon the death of Eric’s aunt.

Food Drive – We continue to collect food donations for our CALL program families. Food needed includes beans, corn, fruit, mac’n cheese, spaghetti sauce, and tuna. Please drop your donations off in the box in the breezeway. We assisted more than 20 families yesterday!

Homecoming – The Session approved moving this year’s Homecoming to after Easter. It will be held April 18, 2021.

Confirmation Class – Classes will be starting soon. Contact the church office 944.1319 if you have a youth who would like to join!

Two-Cents-a-Meal – After a long hiatus we are starting up our collection for two-cents-a-meal Sunday, September 27th. There will be a big bucket at the entrance of church and we will enable online giving to this fund as well.

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Nate Forbis	C.J. Dunn	Jennifer Pinkston	
Devin Goodwin	Gladys Harris	Doris Blue	
Don McGiffin	Doug Lawrie	Dottie Folley	
Ron Schuch	Georgie Blue	Sharon Fogleman	
Linda Worley	Johnny Burns	Luke Sutphen	Melinda Gooden

Friends and Family

Regina Armswood (Bob's wife)
David Bailey (friend of Bethesda)
Lynn Caldwell (Neil Caldwell's wife)
Bernie Capstick (friend of Bill and Alice Demastus)
Jan Carper (Nancy Arnold's sister)
Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)
Bob Dantzer (friend of Craig and Sharon Fogleman)
Carole Douglas (Lisa Noyes' mom)
Trish Fizer (George McManus' daughter)
Julie Fogleman (sister-in-law of Craig & Sharon)
Keilah Goff (Kitty Kuzminski's daughter)
Yvonne Holzkamp (former member of Bethesda)
Sarah Horrocks (cousin of Shaw Ray)
Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)
Jerry Kahl (Jim's son)
Bob Lee (Chris Lee's father)
Glenda Lyle (friend of Bethesda)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
Dick Rodda (friend of Bethesda)
Charley Rose (friend of Robert Leach)
Paul Shaffer (friend of Bill and Alice Demastus)
Jessica Stringfellow (friend of Ashlyn Owens)
Cathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Ian and Kim Watson (former Scottish intern and his wife)
Chris Watts (Mona Kahl's nephew)
Kathy Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)
Traci Wilber (friend of Cathy White)
Penny Wood (friend of Becky Brown)

Members in Retirement Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman-Penick Village
Catherine Taylor-The Greens of Pinehurst
Dot Medlin-Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center, Sanford
Ray Nies, Andy Robinson- Gracious Living

Members in Military

Jacob Wilson Nathan Cunningham Grant Martin Sam Ransdell
Trevor Owens Nick Cunningham Jonathan Riley
Michael Miller Nathan Oakes David Watts

College and Graduate Students

Jasper Ardinger Claire Arnold Ian Blue Makayla Blue Ella Clark
Kelly Clark Rebecca Brock Patrick Byers Christian Crumpton
Alicia Dunlap Katie Formanski Jimmy Gorba
Sierra Huffman R.J. Jackson Madeline McClain Tommy Miller
Palmer Noyes Ashlyn Owens Mimi Pages Alex Patti Mia Smithson
Sam Smithson Jeffrey Sumner Kameron and Kodey Talbott
Patrick Hardison

This Week:

September 15 – Young Women’s Circle 6pm

September 20 – Session meeting 4pm

Deacons meeting 6pm

September Birthdays

15 – Skylar Cunningham, Connor Morgan

17 - Alicia Dunlap, Candace Brock

18 – Sandi Marts

20 – Jane Sandrock

22 – Bill Gingerich

23 – Claire Arnold, Luke Smith

27 – Bailey Byers, Karen Robertson

28 – J.J. Southers

29 – Pat McClain

2020 Sessional Committees

Clerk of Session: Craig Fogleman

Building & Grounds/Property Management: Bill Rock / Marsha Southers

Christian Education: Judy Heffner and David Keith

Evangelism: Johnny Burns / Jeff Hill

Finance: Bill Demastus

Heritage/Old Bethesda: David Keith

Mission: Luis Pages / Mona Kahl

Personnel: Mike Laswell

Preschool Board: Bill Demastus

Stewardship:

Worship & Sacraments: Tammy Clarke

Youth Elder: Justin Andersen

Youth Leadership Team: Davis Clark

Endowment: Broadus Combs-Chair, Marsha Southers / Davis Clark

Grant Martin/ Kathleen White / Connie Atwell

Diaconate Committees

Chair of Deacons: Terri Combs

Secretary: Sandi Marts

Congregational Care: Gloria Crane/ Sandi Marts

Fellowship and Kitchen: Brenda Huffman-Chair / Linda Parke

Terri Combs / Doug Williams / Lynn Dworak / Terry Hardison

Sunshine Club: Alice Demastus

Recreation: Don Woodfield/ Jimmy Gorba

Membership:

Assistance Team: Ron Schuch

Family Promise: Brenda Huffman-Coordinator

Youth Deacon: Charlie Hill



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BETHESDA'S CORE VALUES

LOVE:

God's unconditional love for all people, uniquely revealed in Jesus, transforms and empowers us to reflect God's love.

FAITH:

God's gift of faith, initiated by the Holy Spirit, nurtures our relationship with God and enables us to trust in the redeeming power of Jesus Christ for all creation.

MISSION:

We serve God by using our gifts to share the good news, love, and compassion of Jesus Christ serving within and beyond the church.

KNOWLEDGE:

Through diligent and continual study and application of God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit, we build our foundation for living faithfully.

WITNESS:

By our actions and words, we strive to live in a way that helps others experience the good news of Jesus Christ.

INTEGRITY:

We reflect the character of Christ by authentically living the moral and ethical beliefs we profess.

PRAYER:

By listening and offering our praises and the world's concerns to God, we grow closer to God and each other.