



**Are You Envious Because
I am Generous?**
Matthew 20:1-16

**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 20, 2020 Eleven O'clock
16th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"

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† **Congregational Introit #406** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

† **Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us bless God's name together.

People: God delights in our worship.

Leader: God is our generous provider for all in need.

People: Let us bless God, the wellspring of all life.

Leader: God guides us through all transitions and changes.

ALL: Loving God, challenge our thinking and deepen our understanding, so we will be willing to follow You, through the challenges of this time.

† **Hymn #394** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Westminster Abbey

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of compassion and mercy, when serving gets difficult and we face hard tasks, we turn back. We know we live by grace alone, yet challenging relationships and situations can get the best of us. Help us set our disappointments behind us, so we can move into each day by grace. Forgive us when we are confused, and hesitant to seek your wisdom in the decisions we make. By the Spirit strengthen us to be disciples who seek fullness of life. In Jesus' name. [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. (1x)

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 105:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

This Is My Father's World

Franklin L Sheppard

Larry Arnold, piano

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “When Life Isn’t Fair”

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 Psalm 119

O Lord, I implore your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. The earth, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes. Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments. You are my portion; I promise to keep your words. Let your steadfast love become my comfort. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; give me understanding that I may live.

† **Closing Hymn #724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel’s Story

† Charge and Benediction

† **Postlude** *Now with Singing and Praise* Wood

† Please stand, as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays Endowment Sunday: Today 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: \$222,198. We're moving!

Congratulations - To the Patti and Rock families on the birth of Miles Jamison, Friday September 18th. He came into the world weighing 7lbs 12oz and is 18.5" long. He joins big brother Thompson.

Habitat for Humanity – We have the 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 on the reserve list to be a part of this opportunity, please call the church office 944.1319!

Confirmation Class – We will be meeting October 27th at the Hudson house at 5pm. Contact the church office 944.1319 if you have a youth who would like to join!

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.

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

Operation Christmas Child – boxes will be distributed starting today and should be returned by November 16, 2020.

Two-Cents-a-Meal – After a long hiatus we are starting up our collection for two-cents-a-meal next 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.

World Communion Sunday – is October 4th. On this day we will be taking our Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Aberdeen Lions Club Bar-B-Q - Thursday October 15, 2020 at Aberdeen Lake Park 11:00am-6pm \$8/plate. Call/text 910-506-9355 to place an order.

Red Cross Blood Drive – After our very successful blood drive, we have been scheduled for another; to be held November 6, 2020 from 12-4:30 in the fellowship hall. Stay tuned for more information.

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Nate Forbis	C.J. Dunn	Jennifer Pinkston	Devin Goodwin
Gladys Harris	Doris Blue	Don McGiffin	Doug Lawrie

Dottie Folley

Georgie Blue

Sharon Fogleman

Linda Worley

Johnny Burns

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)

Marsha Graham (Mary Lou Sutphen's sister)

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)

Betty White (Bob's mother)

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:

Today, September 20 – Session meeting 4pm

Deacons meeting 6pm

September 27 – 2 cents a meal offering

September Birthdays

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 / Terry Hardison

Fellowship and Kitchen: Brenda Huffman-Chair / Linda Parke

Terri Combs / Doug Williams / Lynn Dworak

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.