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Matthew 22:37-39

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

October 25th, 2020 Eleven O'clock

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Change My Heart, O God

† Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, as we worship and celebrate,

People: open the eyes of our mind, to learning and understanding.

Leader: Open the eyes of our heart, to love and compassion;

People: open the eyes of our soul, to see our spiritual selves.

Leader: Lord, open our spirits to sense the depth of your love.

ALL: Give us courage to stand for truth and justice. Give us wisdom to reach out with compassion. Lead us into new ways of loving others as we have been loved by you.

† Hymn #693

The Gift of Love

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we say we want to see you more clearly. There is much we do not see or understand. Forgive us when we speak about what we do not understand. We sit in darkness and complain about the dire circumstances which have overtaken us. When given the opportunity to welcome light, we cower in the shadows. Forgive us for not believing that in your light we see more light. Come and shine your light not only in us, but through us. Break the barriers we have erected against unity, peace, and hope. Open our eyes to the light of love, so we will show love in daily deeds. [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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Purify My Heart

Universal Groove

New Testament Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What the World Needs Now...Love”

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** the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) ~ 4.004 4

Q. What does God's law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37–40:

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. ‘And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ‘On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’”

† **Closing Hymn #729** *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Postlude** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

† Please stand, as you are able.

Special thanks to Universal Groove for providing worship music today.

Members include Larry Arnold, keyboard; Dan Jordan, bass;
Steve McKenzie, guitar; Ben Wells, cajon; Nancy Arnold, vocals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two-Cents-a-Meal is today! You can give in the sanctuary or through online giving. Remember to select the proper code from the dropdown menu.

Flowers Today - In honor and loving memory of Alan Thomas Lyle from wife Glenda Lyle, father Jim Lyle, sister Valarie Lyle. We know you are with us in spirit and your love lives on.

Prayers and sympathy to the family of Lloyd Harris upon his passing October 22nd.

Nominating Committee Request - The Nominating Committee would like input from the congregation regarding names for potential officers. Please submit names to the church office by 12 pm Thursday October 29, 2020.

Birthday Endowment: We thank each person, young and old, who made a gift to the endowment! The total amount collected goes directly into the General Endowment Fund. We have collected \$4,693.

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 - Thanks for all the individuals/families who have contributed. With 59 member contributions added to all other sources we have a total of: \$225,073. If you have yet to give, please consider doing so.

Operation Christmas Child – boxes should be returned by November 16, 2020. If you need to pick up a box, come by the breezeway. Thank you to everyone who donated to cover shipping of the boxes made by BYG! We appreciate you.

Family Promise – October 26-29 – If you can help provide a meal, contact Brenda Huffman – Tuesday is still open.

Bethesda Youth Group (BYG) Fall Fun Festivities – We will meet at Old Bethesda October 31st from 5-7pm for chili, fun, and a fire with s'mores. Bring a friend!

Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to turn your clocks back one-hour November 1st.

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. Call the office to volunteer to help run the drive. To schedule an

appointment to donate blood go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and enter code BPC in the upper right-hand corner for the Sponsor Code.

Habitat for Humanity – Due to challenges our dates have changed yet again. Our new date is November 21st in Hoke County. We are looking for a few volunteers to fill in for those who cannot make the new date. Please call the office if you are able. Volunteers already signed up please go to <http://vhub.at/Hoke> to register.






Advent Study - Be Transformed this Advent Season!

In Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. 5 lessons beginning November 22 and ending December 20 during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30). Register with Julie in the church office by November 15 so we have enough books.

NAMI – will be using the Jesse Wimberley and Seekers Rooms for support group meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7pm.

Food Drive – We continue to collect food donations for our CALL program families. Food needed includes dry beans, rice, pasta, sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, and tuna. Please drop your donations off in the box in the breezeway.

On the cover – Luther’s Rose or Luther’s Seal was created by Martin Luther in 1520.

Black Cross		Symbolizes Jesus’ death and pain and reminds us that faith in Jesus is what saves us. “For one who believes from the heart will be justified” –Rom 10:10
Red Heart		Even though the cross is black, it does not kill our hearts, but makes us alive. “The just shall live by faith” – Rom 1:17
White Rose		Faith in Jesus brings true joy, consolation and peace, not worldly joy and peace – John 14:27. White is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
Blue Sky		Symbolizes our hope for the coming joys of heaven, though not yet revealed.
Gold Rim		As a circle is unending, so the joys of heaven will be unending. Its gold color reminds us that the joys of heaven are more precious than any other treasure.

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	Linda Worley	Johnny Burns
Marion Wiltjer	Joyce Thomas	Christian Crumpton	John Lee Wilson

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 Lynn 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)
Linda Moneymaker (friend of Bethesda)
Dick Rodda (friend of Bethesda)
Paul Shaffer (friend of Bill and Alice Demastus)
Jessica Stringfellow (friend of Ashlyn Owens)
Cathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Chris Watts (Mona Kahl's nephew)

Kathy Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)
Traci Wilber (friend of Cathy White)
Penny Wood (friend of Becky Brown)
Kim Woodfield (daughter-in-law to Don and Ann)

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
Dottie Folley – Pinehurst Rehab

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

October Birthdays

October 26 – Jim Ransdell

October 27 – Terri Combs

October 29 –Rickie Monroe, Jane McInnis, Betty Lou Stewart

October 30 – Lee Ann Allen, Bill Parke

October 31 – Marsha Southers

November Birthdays

1 – Kathryn McIntosh, Catherine Naradzay

2 – Sheila Rock, Nate Forbis

3 – Henry Hogan, Mike Laswell

5 – Palmer Noyes

6 – Joyce McInnis

8 – Ron Jackson, Savannah Jackson

10 – Patti Andersen

12 – Brian Rock, Andy White

16 – Ann Litton, Lee Miller

17 – Madison Hall

18 – Ella Davis

19 - Sandra Tracy

21 – Nate Ardinger

23 – Jane Hudson

24 – Dexter Butler, Owen Butler, Kay Mack, Don Woodfield

25 – Andy Auman, Richard McInnis

26 – Chrissy Excell, DeAnna Jackson, Harriet Sloan

27 – Mason Roth

28 – Alysa Amato, Thompson Patti, Todd Sumner

29 – Debbie Pace

30 – Betsy Mofield

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:

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



If you are interested in:

- adopting an underprivileged family from Southern Middle School for Christmas
- or
- sharing a family with another Bethesda member,

contact Barb Ficklin at bjficklin@icloud.com for more information or to sign up.

Please respond no later than November 6, 2020

Thank you!

Assistance Team



Staff

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Organist – Earlene McLamb	velmc49@yahoo.com	phone: 281-3231
Administrator – Julie Formanski	bethesdapres@ncrrbiz.com	phone: 944-1319

Grounds – Matt Harris Custodian – King Chavis

**Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
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