



*“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles.”
Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)*

**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 17, 2021 11 o'clock

A Celebration of Worship with Dust and Ashes

THE FAMILY OF GOD GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

A Song for Centering

In This Very Room

† Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:28-31

Leader: Don't you know? Haven't you heard? God is the everlasting God;
God created all the world.

People: God never grows tired or weary. No one understands God's thoughts.

Leader: God strengthens those who are weak and tired.

People: Even those who are young grow weak; young people can fall exhausted.

Leader: But those who trust in God for help will find their strength renewed.

People: They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.

† A Morning Hymn #664

Morning Has Broken

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING TOGETHER

Sharing of the Peace

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

A Time for Prayer

Silent Personal Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Almighty God, we confess we have been so busy that we have ignored your presence in our lives.

People: O God, send your Holy Spirit to open our eyes.

Leader: We have suffered past hurts that limit our ability to receive your love.

People: O God, send your Holy Spirit to heal our memories.

Leader: We have been afraid to follow where you lead, and we have made excuses for our lack of courage.

People: O God, send your Holy Spirit to soften our hearts and overcome our fears.

Leader: We have been discouraged about our world and our church.

All: O God, send your Holy Spirit to fill us with hope. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and make us your people. Amen.

A Prayer Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

WORSHIP IS ENCOUNTERING GOD'S LIVING WORD

A Reading from Scripture *John 11 (selected verses)*

The Message in Word and Music ***Sometimes You Have to Fall to Fly***

The Songs: *Help Me*

Fall to Fly

Four Days Late

WORSHIP IS RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Morning Offering and Offertory *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

† The People's Response *My Tribute*

† A Closing Hymn #250 *Hymn of Promise*

† The Benediction and Response *On Eagles' Wings*

**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

† Please stand, as you are able.



A love offering for the ministry of Dust and Ashes will be received at the close of worship. Ushers with offering plates will be at each door as you leave the sanctuary. If you would like to write a check, make it payable to Dust and Ashes Ministry. If you are not prepared for an offering this morning, you may send it to the church, mark it for Dust and Ashes, and we will send it on to them. MaryLou and Tom depend heavily on your gifts to their ministry and are grateful for the support given them by Bethesda.

If you are visiting, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew racks.
Children: We welcome children with all the energy, enthusiasm, wisdom, and vocalization they bring to worship.

Announcements

Flowers today are given by Janet Peele in memory of her father, R. E. Oldham, and in honor of her grandsons, Wesley and Hunter Robertson's birthdays.

Welcome to our guest worship leaders. Dust and Ashes began their music ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Their wide range of music includes songs based on scripture, on personal experiences, and songs that through their stories can help us understand God's dream for the world and God's will for our lives. Tom Page, an ordained United Methodist minister, is a founding member of the group. Today Tom and his wife, MaryLou Troutman, travel full-time, primarily in ministry with local churches of all sizes, leading worship and/or singing in concert.

Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Glenda Lyle who passed away October 13. Additional prayers and sympathies to the family of Ray Nies upon his passing, also on October 13.

Joint Session/Deacons Meeting today at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Each Sunday there will be a light breakfast followed by announcements and singing beginning at 9:15 am. Sunday school classes will convene afterwards. You may also choose to come to **The Coffee Connection** for Coffee and Conversation a great way to stay connected with each other. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am. This is flexible, so pop in any time that you are able, starting October 10. ALL are welcome!

Operation Christmas Child It is time to start collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Return them to the office any time up until November 21.

Handbells We are looking for a few more ringers! No experience necessary.

Choir rehearsal Choir practice is Wednesday at 7 pm; all are welcome!

Women's Book Study *Bad Women of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. The study group meets Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pickleball will resume October 24, 4-6 pm. Please note new date and time.

Trunk or Treat October 30, 4-6 pm at Old Bethesda. Call the church office if you'd like to participate.

Although the **Assistance Team** is suspending our Adopted Families Program this holiday season, we will continue our support for the Christmas Fund for underprivileged students at Southern Middle School and, at their request, we will be splitting the fund with Crains Creek Middle School. Both are considered "high poverty schools." If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make checks payable to the Bethesda Assistance Fund and designate "Christmas Fund" on the check. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. For more information, email Barb Ficklin at bjficklin@icloud.com.

Interim Pastor Nominating Committee Please continue to pray for the committee: Kay Mack, Janet Peele, Luis Pages (chair), Davis Clark, and Vickie Auman.

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Ruth Sinclair

C.J. Dunn

Devin Goodwin

Gladys Harris

Doris Blue

Don McGiffin

Dottie Folley

Georgie Blue

John Wilson

Johnny Burns

Marion Wiltjer

Joyce Thomas

John Lee Wilson

Nate Forbis

Mona Kahl

Ray Nies

Maria Sumner

Hester Combs

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

Cindy Atwell (daughter of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)

Jason Barber (friend of Beth Morgan)

Randan Budam (friend of Lee Miller)

Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)

Bob Dantzer (friend of Craig and Sharon Fogleman)

Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)

Carole Douglas (Lisa Noyes' mom)

Julie Fogleman (sister-in-law of Craig & Sharon)

Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)

April Graf (friend of Ann and Don Woodfield)

Robert Harrell (friend of Bethesda)

Rod Harter (friend of Bethesda)

Kelli Hill (friend of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)

Yvonne Holzkamp (former member of Bethesda)

Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)

Brian Landaas (friend of Kay Mack)

Ron Layne (friend of Laura Hill)

Bob Lee (Chris Lee's father)

Jerrod Lowry and family (friend of Bethesda)

Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)

Jerry Owen (Sharon Fogleman's brother)

Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)

Dick Rodda (friend of Bethesda)

The Rudeman family (friends of Don and Ann Woodfield)

Shirley Schaller (grandmother of Julie Formanski)

Tamara (friend of Sharon Fogleman)

Cathy Wise (mother of Keshia Smith)

Vicki Wagner (sister-in-law of Amy Hand)

Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)

Daniel Wall (friend of John Baker)

Kathy Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)

Penny Wood (friend of Becky Brown)

Members in Facilities

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

Members in Military

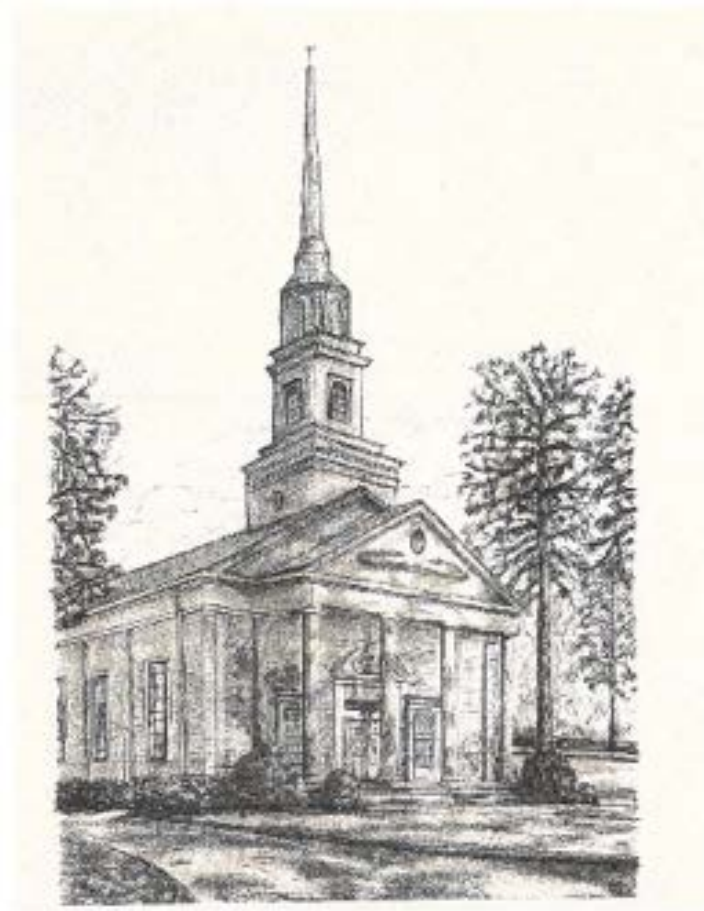
Jacob Wilson Grant Martin Justin Andersen
Nick Cunningham Nathan Cunningham Matthew Smith
Michael Miller David Watts Trevor Owens

College and Graduate Students

Jasper Ardinger Claire Arnold Ian Blue Makayla Blue Ella Clark
Kelly Clark Rebecca Brock Christian Crumpton Katie Formanski
Sierra Huffman R.J. Jackson Madeline McClain Palmer Noyes
Ashlyn Owens Mimi Pages Alex Patti Mia Smithson Sam Smithson
Jeffrey Sumner Patrick Hardison Amanda Dworak Jackson McClain

October Birthdays

18	Brooklyn Bean, Kelly Jacobs, Hunter Robertson	23	Yvonne Tucker
		26	Jim Ransdell
20	Wesley Robertson	27	Terri Combs
21	Rebekah McIntosh	29	Jane McInnis, Betty Lou Stewart
22	Sam Formanski, Louise Monroe, Doris Moon, Nancy High, Kathe Wilson, Ann Woodfield	30	Lee Ann Allen, Bill Parke
		31	Marsha Southers



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