



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

November 21, 2021 11 o'clock

Christ the King Sunday

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly. Leave Gratefully. Serve Faithfully.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Catechism Review

Question 10

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

SMITH

† Call to Worship

from Psalm 9

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: We will be glad and exult in you;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

All: May all that we do bring honor and glory to your name.

† Hymn #336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace so that day by day we move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen. [Silence]

Assurance of Pardon

† Sharing of the Peace

† **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)

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 100

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Majesty & Glory of Your Name

Fettke/Johnson

New Testament Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Thanksgiving Recipe”

† **Hymn #643**

Now Thank We All Our God

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† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Offering and Offertory

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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† **Doxology Hymn # 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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.

Congregational Meeting

† **Hymn #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

† **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* KARG-ELERT
† Please stand as you are able.

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 Lee Miller wishing our Bethesda Family a Happy Thanksgiving.

We welcome Doctor Sid Batts as our guest preacher today. Sid is an honorably retired pastor from Salem Presbytery, having last served for 18 years as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. He received his Master's of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Doctorate of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. Sid is also an accomplished author. He and his wife, Cathy, a retired educator and principal, have two daughters and five grandchildren. In his free time Sid enjoys golf, reading, genealogy, and the Beatles.

Dear Bethesda Church Family,

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to all of you for your love and kind words to me and my family concerning Johnny's death.

Johnny loved Bethesda, and I know he would feel so honored and humbled by your expressions of sympathy. Carolyn Burns

Thank you to our Officer Nominating Committee for their service this year. Members included Luis Pages, Mike Laswell, Ron Schuch, Charlie Hill, Chuck Dearborn, Sandra Tracy, Betsy Mofield, and Joyce Robinson.

Thanksgiving to sign up to help, please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054caba72ea7fc1-thanksgiving> to help.

Congregational Meeting today to approve the election of the new officers. There will also be a joint **Deacons/Session Meeting** today at 4 pm.

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



2021 Thank Offering

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instructions, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

Bethesda's Thank Offering campaign runs through today. Please indicate "Thank Offering" on the memo line of your gift or on your envelope. Online giving is also available. Please consider this offering as one of your charitable gifts this year.

Sunday School Each Sunday there will be a light breakfast 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 one another. 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. ALL are welcome!

Assistance Team 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

Handbells Meet at 6 pm on Wednesdays. We are looking for a few more ringers, no experience necessary. Contact Earlene for more details. **Choir rehearsal** is Wednesday at 7 pm; all are welcome!

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS:

November 21, 2021

Our congregation is celebrating how we have been blessed by God and we are making important decisions about how we will answer God's call to serve our neighbors.



JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY OF DISCIPLESHIP: WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Stewardship for 2022 Pledge cards and time and talent cards have been sent out. You may fill these out electronically and return them via email, or you may bring a hard copy to church. There are hard copies in the narthex and in the office. Today is Commitment Sunday. If you have yet to turn in your cards, please do so ASAP.

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Ruth Sinclair	C.J. Dunn	Devin Goodwin	Gladys Harris
Doris Blue	Don McGiffin	Georgie Blue	John Wilson
Marion Wiltjer	Joyce Thomas	John Lee Wilson	Nate Forbis
Mona Kahl	Maria Sumner	Willis Clark	

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

Jenny Abbot
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)
Mike Frye (friend of Mary Ann Ward)
Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)
Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)
April Graf (friend of Ann and Don Woodfield)
Robert Harrell (friend of Bethesda)
Kim Harris (Matt Harris' mother)
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)
Donna Kimbrell (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)
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)
Lynn (friend of Sharon Fogleman)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
Jerry Owen (Sharon Fogleman's brother)
Betty Parke (Bill Parke's sister)
Ione Phillips (Julie Formanski's grandmother)
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)
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)
Bruce Clement Williams (brother-in-law of Mary Ann Ward)
Penny Wood (friend of Becky Brown)

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman - Penick Village
Dot Medlin - Westfield Rehabilitation and Health Center, Sanford
Andy Robinson - Gracious Living

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 Roberson
Jackson McClain

November Birthdays

21 Nate Ardinger	27 Mason Roth
23 Jane Hudson	28 Alysa Amato, Thompson Patti, Todd Sumner
24 Kay Mack, Don Woodfield, Dexter Butler, Owen Butler	29 Debbie Pace
25 Andy Auman, Richard McInnis	30 Betsy Mofield
26 DeAnna Jackson, Chrissy Excell, Harriet Sloan	

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Deacon on Call: Don Woodfield

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Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon