



**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 17, 2023, 11 o'clock

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Sky

Smith

Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Call to Worship

Based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Leader: As we commission our teachers and pray for those who lead in word and song, let us remember a manifestation of the Spirit is given to each Christian for the common good. Leaders who will use their gifts to encourage and nurture the faith of our worshipping community. Let us pray:

ALL: Holy Spirit, provider of the gifts that give us each a unique identity in Christ, we give thanks for the willingness of these to serve and their generosity as they share their gifts and talents with us. In response, we commit ourselves to receive their teaching, leadership, music, and worship offerings to the edification of our souls and the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

[Silence] Wonderful God, we rejoice in your grace and love. We adore you with hearts, minds, bodies, and souls and are moved to offer you

†**Hymn # 606**

Doxology

†**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

†**Closing Hymn #298 vs 1,2,5** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Choral Benediction #546 v.1** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh
us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Postlude Victorious

Martin

† Please stand as you are able.

We welcome children with all the energy, enthusiasm, wisdom, and vocalization they bring to worship.

Announcements

Flowers today are given by Willis Clark in memory of his parents, Harris and Gladys Clark.

Session and Deacons Meetings today at 4 and 6 pm respectively.

Bethesda Youth Group BYG meets tonight at 5 pm. Open for all 6-12th graders! We are looking for volunteers to provide meals & lead the devotions at our Sunday evening meetings. If you would like to help in either of these ways, please contact Ashtyn at (910)986-4002 or ashtyn.dca@gmail.com

Peace and Global Witness special offering is being collected. This offering draws us together by providing education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict, providing nurturing reconciliation, and standing in support of our global siblings because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. This offering season will end on October first, World Communion Sunday.

Homecoming – the 100th Anniversary of the first Homecoming is this year! We will kick off the weekend with a soup supper on Friday at 6 pm. Homecoming worship with a covered dish picnic lunch will be celebrated on Sunday at 11 am at Old Bethesda.

Last Week's Numbers

<i>Sunday School Attendance</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>Offering Collected</i>	<i>\$6,814.50</i>
<i>Worship Attendance</i>	<i>112</i>		

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Ginger Wilson Mona Kahl Jim Kahl Matt Forbis Beverly Cunningham
Don and Jean McGiffin Earlene and Larry McLamb Nate Forbis
Jane Sandroock Jim Thomas Ann Woodfield **Linda Parke** Andy White
Willis Clark Sara Swartout Jim Shaffer **Bill Parke**

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman - Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Doris Moon Jane Sandroock Kitty Kuzminski Nancy Clark
Dot Templin Jackson and Polly Smith Bruce and Joyce Thomas
Joyce McInnis Don and Jean McGiffin Ruth Sinclair Gladys Harris

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

A Merry Hearts family who lost a family member in a car accident

Jenny Abbot

Eliana Adamah (friend of David Priddy)

Cindy Atwell (daughter of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)

Bob (a friend of Craig and Sharon Fogleman)

Seppo Bernet

June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)

The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)

Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)

Holly Davenport (Kim Clark's sister)

Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)

Carole Douglas (Lisa Noyes' mom)

Lisa Eaton (Ann Woodfield's daughter)

For the family of Mike Frye (friend of Mary Ann Ward)

Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)

Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)

April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)

Morgan Hall (friend of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)

Justin Hanks (nephew of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)

Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)

Ricky and Kam Hurst (friends of Bethesda)

Roger Jacobs (husband of Peggy Jacobs)

Carolyn Johnston (Jane Long's sister)

Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)

Jerry Kahl (son of Jim Kahl)

Pat Kelly (Kim Clark's dad)

Kelsi (friend of Carolyn Burns)

Reid Kendrick (uncle of David Priddy)

Millie Langenfeld (Nancy Dearborn's aunt)

Ron Layne (friend of Laura Hill)

Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)

Mary Leonard (friend of Cy Israel)

Judy and Mike Melendez (friends of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)

Betty Parke (Bill Parke's sister)

Bob and Vickie Pinkston (friends of Gloria Crane)

Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)

Tom Pinkston (Gloria Crane's son)

Alexander Deaton Riley (Great-grandson of Kitty Kuzminski)

Betty Ann Shaw (mother of Mary Ann Ward)
Avery Slachter (friend of Sally Noyes)
Tamera (friend of Sharon Fogleman)
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
Evelyn Terry (friend of Mary Ann Ward)
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

September Birthdays

17	Alicia Oakes	27	Karen Robertson
	Candace Brock		Bailey Byers
20	Jane Sandrock	28	JJ Southers
23	Claire Arnold	29	Pat McClain



Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

A full breakfast will be served starting at 9:15 am, **Sunday, September 17th** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we begin a new Sunday School year. The following classes are available; anyone may join. If you would like to have another class offered or feel the call to teach a class, please contact the church office.

The Jesse Wimberly Class This is an adult class led by Cy Israel. They utilize *The Present Word* curriculum series to facilitate instruction and discussion. They meet in the upstairs Jesse Wimberly (Board) Room.

The Seekers Class This is an adult class led by Kay Mack. They are currently studying the Gospel of John. Through the eyes of John, we see what the disciples saw: the miracles Jesus performed and the way He responded to the needs of others with love and grace. This class meets in the Seekers Room downstairs.

Young Adult Class Led by Pastor David, this class studies different books of the Bible and theological books to gain a deeper understanding of the Word and how it applies to world today. This class meets in the Parlor.

Sr. High Class (9th-12th grade) meets upstairs in the Youth Room with Henry Hogan leading the lesson. This class utilizes bible studies, videos, and other elements to foster education and discussion. They enjoy studying different books of the Bible, comparing and contrasting stories and characters.

Jr. High Class (6th-8th grade) Led by David Keith, the middle schoolers use *Feasting on the Word* curriculum as they dive deeper into the Bible to expand their knowledge and faith. This class meets in the downstairs classroom.

Upper Elementary Class (1st -5th grade) Led by Teddi Garren and Nancy Dearborn this class focuses on lectionary based lessons while keeping children engaged through crafts, games, and fun. This class meets in the blue room.

Lower Elementary Class (3yrs- Kindergarten) This class, taught by a rotation of young adult women, uses the *Hands On* curriculum and a variety of tools to teach foundational Bible knowledge to young children. They enjoy hands-on activities, crafts, games, and imaginative play to learn and reinforce lessons. They meet in the yellow room.

Nursery (0-2 years) - Our youngest learners enjoy time in the nursery with Rebecca Dunn and Katie Formanski reading books, singing songs, and learning through play and exploration.

Commitment to Service

One: The body of Christ has discerned your desire and has affirmed your gifting to teach Sunday School. Being a teacher requires energy, patience, commitment, hard work, and heart for God's word and people. Do not enter into this responsibility easily or without thought, but joyfully and responsibly, recognizing that the Spirit of God is at work within and through you.

Please answer the following questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ our Savior, acknowledge him as Lord of all and Head of the Church and through him believe in One God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

All: We do.

One: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ?

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One: Will you fulfill your calling in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

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One: Will you be a faithful Sunday School teacher, leading others to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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Petitions

Blessed Lord, who causes all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that these teachers may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; so that the Word may dwell richly within them. **Amen.**

O Lord God, pour out upon them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, so that they might rightly discern your Word. **Amen.**

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, may the words of their mouths and the meditation of their heart be pleasing in your sight, so that you would be glorified in their teaching.

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Prayer of Consecration



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