

The image features a reproduction of Vincent van Gogh's painting 'Green Wheat Fields, Auvers' (1890). The painting depicts a lush, green landscape with rolling hills and a path leading through the fields. The sky is filled with vibrant, swirling clouds in shades of blue, green, and white. The text 'ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN' is overlaid in a bold, dark green, serif font, centered in the upper portion of the painting.

**ON EARTH
AS IT IS
IN HEAVEN**

Vincent Van Gogh, Green Wheat Fields, Auvers, 1890, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

Consecration Sunday

**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 19, 2023, 11 o'clock

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost ~ Consecration Sunday

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

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Ashytn Adams, violin

Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Call to Worship

from 1 Chronicles 29

Leader: O Lord, blessed are you, the God of our ancestor Israel. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

People: Joyfully, we offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: In Your hand are power and might to make great and to give strength to all.

People: Joyfully, we praise your glorious name.

Leader: But who am I to be able to offer willingly?

ALL: All things come from you and of your own have we given back to you. We offer our gifts freely and joyfully for the building of your Kingdom. Thank you for the opportunity to return a portion of what we have been given.

†Hymn #37

Let All Things Now Living

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

[Silence] Forgive us, O Lord, for when our faith has not been lively, our hearts inattentive, and our love impure. Forgive us, O Lord, for overlooking our baptism, forgetting divine promises, and quelling the Spirit you graciously send. Help us, Lord, to believe in the great promises, to seek your will for our lives, and through your Spirit, reconsecrate us to yourself. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

†**Congregational Response Hymn #582**

Glory to God

A Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 7:12-16

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Sermon

"A Sincere Faith"

†**Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*In this context, the word catholic is defined as the universal Christian church)

Baptisms

Taylor and Birdie Wynn

Welcoming New Members

Jeff and Christi Wynn

†**Sharing of the Peace**

Offering & Offertory

Hymn of Grateful Praise

Rainey

†**Hymn # 606**

Doxology

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.

†Prayer of Thanksgiving, Dedication, and Consecration

The ushers will bring up the box with Time and Talent Sheets, Pledge Cards, and the offering. If you wish to reconsecrate yourself to God for the coming year, please come forward when invited.

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

†Closing Hymn #526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Benediction *Sevenfold Amen*

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Karg-Elert

† Please stand as you are able.

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

Announcements

Flowers Today's sanctuary flowers are to the glory of God and in memory of our mother's birthday, from the children of Edna D. Donathan: Doreen, Sue, and Jim.

Today, we will celebrate **Consecration Sunday** and our *Journey to Generosity* Stewardship Season. On this day, we join in the spiritual act of giving. *Consecrate* means to declare or dedicate something for a sacred; to dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose. Therefore, on Consecration Sunday, we invite you to place your pledge cards and time and talent sheets in the box in the narthex if you have not already submitted them electronically or turned them in. These will be brought forward with today's offering so that we might dedicate these gifts to the glory of God. At the appropriate time in the service, you will be invited to come forward as a symbolic act of worship to reconsecrate yourself to God for the coming year. As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we

invite each of us to view our gifts to the church as expressions of thanksgiving and gratitude for the grace and love we have received from God.

After carefully reviewing Bethesda's Manual of Operations, we will hold another **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of worship on **today** to elect two representatives from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee. The individuals elected must **not** be currently serving as officers at Bethesda.

Session and Deacons will meet today. Due to the **Community Thanksgiving service at 5 pm**, Deacons will meet at 2 pm; Session will meet at 3 pm.

Pending Session approval, Pastor David will have **morning prayers** on **Wednesdays** at **9 am** in the Sanctuary throughout **Advent**.

In our efforts to serve those in our community who are experiencing homelessness, we are seeking **donations of canned food** (fruits, vegetables, soups, pasta, etc) that have **easy-off pop tops**. We are also collecting warm socks and hygiene products (no hotel samples, please). There will be a box in the narthex to drop things off next Sunday, or you can bring things by the church during office hours throughout the week.

The Bible, Church, and Israel study will be offered again November 28 at 6 pm.

Children's Choir we need children in 2nd-4th grade for a special children's choir. Rehearsals start November 26. Speak to Earlene if your child/children would like to be involved.

Help Needed We need volunteers to help with **Children's Church**. There is a sign-up outside the nursery; no teaching required.

Advent Devotional Study continues Nov 30, and December 7 and 14 in the Jesse Wimberly room from 11 am-1230 pm. *The Journey* by Adam Hamilton. Betty Pope will lead this small group study. Contact the church office if you wish to participate.

Assistance Team Last year the Assistance Team collected contributions for both Southern Middle and Crains Creek Middle Schools for their **Child-In-Need/Christmas Fund** from those at Bethesda who wanted to participate. The program was enormously successful. Our church was able to donate \$2,350 to each school, enabling the schools' staffs to take underprivileged families/students holiday shopping. This year, the Assistance Team will again collect contributions for both of these schools to help students and their families who need support during the holiday season. Donations for this fund can be dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to the Bethesda Assistance Fund and designate

“Christmas Fund” on the check. All donations should be received by no later than December 1, 2023. For additional information, please email Nancy Dearborn at catnandew@gmail.com or Ann Frank at rann@nc.rr.com

Last Week's Numbers

Sunday School Attendance 52 *Offering Collected* \$5,112.74
Worship Attendance 116



BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<p>Nov. 19 5:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>Dec. 17 11:00 am Worship Service Moore Brass</p>
<p>Nov. 23 11:30 am to 2:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Meal in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Dec. 24 11:00 am Worship Service Lessons and Carols</p>
<p>Nov. 26 11:00 am Worship Service Ordination Service for Tommy Miller</p>	<p>5:00 pm Community Christmas Eve Service at Page Memorial with Pastor David Priddy Preaching</p>
<p>Dec. 3 11:00 am Worship Service Merry Hearts Preschool Christmas Sunday</p>	<p>Dec. 25 9:30 am Worship Service Family Friendly Christmas Day Worship Service</p>

4:30 pm
Hanging of the Greens
& Moravian Love Feast Service



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- the church with the lake out front -

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Ginger Wilson Mona Kahl Jim Kahl Matt Forbis Beverly Cunningham
Don and Jean McGiffin Earlene and Larry McLamb Nate Forbis Dan Goodin
Jane Sandrock Jim Thomas Ann Woodfield Linda Parke Andy White
Willis Clark Sara Swartout Jim Shaffer Jordan Huffman
Karen Robertson **Ron Long**

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman - Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Doris Moon Jane Sandrock 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)

Jenny Abbot

Cindy Atwell (daughter of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)

Bob (a friend of Craig and Sharon Fogleman)

Bob Baynes (husband of Doreen Wicker)

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)

Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)

Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)

April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)

Family of Sandy Herman (sister of Shaw Ray)

Morgan Hill (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)

Andrew Jimenez (friend of Laura, Charlie, and Jackson Hill)

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)

Timothy Liles (friend of Leigh Baggs)

Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)

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

Betty Parke (Bill Parke's sister)

Carrie Peterson (friend of the Noyes family)

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)
 Avery Slachter (friend of Sally Noyes)
 Savannah and Deone (friends of Amy Hand)
 Tamera (friend of Sharon Fogleman)
 Buddy Spong (friend of Laura Hill)
 Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
 Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
 Evelyn Terry (friend of Mary Ann Ward)
 Doris Tulloch & daughters Rebecca and Sarah (friends of John McInnis)
 Pattie Waddell (sister of Lisa McDonald)
 Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
 Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)

November Birthdays

21 Nate Ardinger	26 Chrissy Excell
22 Cathy Carpenter	27 Mason Roth
24 Kay Mack	29 Debbie Pace
25 Andy Auman	30 Betsy Mofield
Richard McInnis	

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