



**The Eighth Commandment**  
*Practice Giving  
Rather Than Getting*

**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

March 3, 2024, 11 o'clock

*Third Sunday of Lent*

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

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Prelude

*Humoresque*

Dvorak

Ashtyn Adams, violin

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## †Call to Worship

Psalm 19

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock, and my redeemer.**

## †Opening Hymn #394

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

Abba Father, you have been generous to us and have given us many good things, and so now we boldly ask that you give us even more. Give us mercy for our failing to see what we have been given and wasting what we have, for the moments that we failed to give or gave without good cheer, for greedy imaginations and cold hearts, and for any unjust taking or false dealings. Grant us to trust in the God of Jesus Christ and not the god of money. In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

## †Sharing of the Peace

## †Congregational Response *First Song of Isaiah (sing 2x)*

*Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be afraid.*

*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense; and he will be my Savior.*

## A Moment with Young Disciples

### Catechism Review

Question 99

### Prayer of Illumination

### Old Testament Reading

Exodus 22:1-14

### New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32

### Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-9

### Sermon

*“The Eighth Commandment”*

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

### Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

### Offering & Offertory

*Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven*

Chopin

† **Offering Response Hymn**

*Doxology*

† **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Words of Invitation**

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**

**Words of Institution**

**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

**Holy Communion**

**Hymns #498, 500, 503** sung during communion

† **Prayer after Communion**

† **Closing Hymn #372 v.1-4** *O For a World*

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction #372 v.5**

**Taking the light of Christ into the world**

**Postlude**

*St. Anne*

Callahan

† 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 to the glory of God in honor of Sally Noyes' birthday from her family.

**Elder of the Month** for March is Jim Shaffer.

**The Recreation Committee** is looking for members! If you would like to be a part of this committee that helps to plan some fun events, please come to a meeting immediately after worship March 10; snacks will be served! **The Fellowship Committee will meet after worship on March 17** after worship.

**Sonshine club** will meet next March 13.

**Chili and Bingo Night** March 16, 6-7:30 pm.

**Habitat for Humanity** Apostles' Build April 25-27, 8 am-1 pm. We need volunteers for our weekend to work on this year's Apostles' Build house. Bethesda will work in conjunction with other area churches on our assigned weekend. Please let the office know if you can volunteer for any or all the days.

**Parents**, please remember to have your children pick up their bags and papers before the start of worship.

**Confirmation Classes** The dates for The Preparation for Baptism and Profession of Faith (Confirmation Class) will meet 5 times on Sunday at 9:30 am in the chapel, ending on March 17. Each student should try to come to every class. There is breakfast in the fellowship hall around 9-10 am if the parents wish to stay, though you, too, are welcome to sit in the class if you would like. Congregation, please pray for the following individuals through this process: Profession of Faith: Avery Jessup, Hunter Jessup, Nathan Clarke, Jesse Andersen, and Baptism: Evelyn Lapointe

**Vacation Bible School** will be Monday-Friday, June 10-14, from 5-7:15 pm; please mark your calendars. We are looking for volunteers in all areas. Please reach out to Brittany or Mary Katherine if you are interested in helping. We are also in need of boxes of all sizes. Please bring any boxes you have to the church

office. We are considering an adult VBS during the same timeframe; if you would be interested in attending, call the church office, and let Julie know.

**Last Week's Numbers**

*Sunday School Attendance 71    Offering Collected     \$4,685*  
*Worship Attendance 139*

**Celebrations and Concerns**

**Members**

Ginger Wilson    Mona Kahl    Jim Kahl    Matt Forbis    Don and Jean McGiffin  
Earlene and Larry McLamb    Nate Forbis    Dan Goodin    Willis Clark    Sara Swartout  
Cy Israel    Karen Robertson    Bill and Linda Parke    Peggy Jones  
The Family of Joyce McInnis  
Luke Jacobs

**Members in Facilities**

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman - Penick Village

**Members to Keep in Prayer**

Jane Sandrock    Kitty Kuzminski    Nancy Clark  
Dot Templin    Jackson Smith    Bruce and Joyce Thomas  
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)

June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)  
The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)  
Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)  
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)  
Barbara Greer (Andy Auman's Aunt)  
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)  
Carolyn Johnston (Jane Long's sister)  
Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)  
Family of Jerry Kahl (son of Jim Kahl)  
Bill Kay (Debbie Pace's brother-in-law)  
Kelsi (friend of Carolyn Burns)  
Christina King and Family (friends of Bethesda)  
The Family of David Kuzminski (son of Kitty Kuzminski)  
Millie Langenfeld (Nancy Dearborn's aunt)  
Timothy Liles (friend of Leigh Baggs)  
Carol and Alan Monroe (friends of Bethesda)  
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)  
Judy and Mike Melendez (friends of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)  
Mike Palmer (Betsy Mofield's son-in-law)  
Betty Parke (Bill Parke's sister)  
Carrie Peterson (friend of the Noyes family)  
Vickie Pinkston (friend 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)  
Denise Schuch (daughter-in-law of Ron Schuch and Connie Atwell)  
Savannah and Deone (friends of Amy Hand)  
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)  
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)  
Betty Sutton (Mother-in-Law of Joyce Robinson's sister)  
The Family of Evelyn Terry (friends 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 cousins)

## March Birthdays

1 Rowan Priddy  
3 Sally Noyes  
6 Chris Lee  
7 Beth Morgan  
8 Madelyn Priddy  
9 Rev. David Priddy  
Jeremy Wilson  
10 Peggy Jacobs  
11 Jesse Andersen  
13 Dene Moon  
15 Grant Martin

16 Joyce Robinson  
17 Vance Crane  
Ron Long  
18 Jasper Ardinger  
21 Luis Pages  
Mimi Pages  
22 Henry Cunningham  
23 Jeff Hill  
Melinda Gooden  
28 Tim Wilson  
Becky Brown

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