



**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 31, 2024 11 o'clock

Easter Sunday

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

Gathering Music

Moore Brass

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Baptismal Banner

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Water Music

Handel/Gale

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Choral Introit

We are the Children of Light

Children's Choir

†Call to Worship

from Psalm 107

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: The brilliant light of hope has come!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen.

Easter Medley

An Easter Celebration

Chancel Choir, Congregation, Moore Brass

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Mighty God, by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† 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)

Moment with Young Disciples (No children's church, please return to your seats)

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem

Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

"They Went Out and Fled"

† Hymn #485

We Know That Christ is Raised

Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism of Evelyn LaPointe and Joseph LaPointe

Confirmation of Avery Jessup, Hunter Jessup, Jesse Andersen, and Nathan Clarke

† Affirmation of Faith

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)

† Sharing of the Peace

Offering/Offertory

Saviour Like a Shepherd

Larson

†**Offertory Response**

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

†**Closing Hymn #238**

Thine is the Glory

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Choral Benediction Hymn #238 refrain**

Postlude

The Rejoicing

Handel/Siepp

† Please stand as you are able.

Special thanks – to **Moore Brass** for enhancing our worship this morning with your musical gifts and talents.

Chris Dunn – trumpet, Rob Hill – trumpet,
Kim Clark – French horn, Rebecca Clemmens – trombone,
and Davis Clark – tuba

Statements of Faith from Confirmands:

Jesse Andersen

I believe in God the father, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who speaks to us through the Bible and guides our life. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary and suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and buried, descended into hell and rose from the dead three days later, ascended into heaven. From there he judges the living and the dead. I believe in the holy spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

Nathan Clarke

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe God created the heavens, earth, and me. I believe God sent Jesus, His Son, to save us from our sins and give us eternal life. Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead, saving me from my sins and giving me eternal life. He calls me to believe through the Holy Spirit, who calls others into the church worldwide and the fellowship of Christians. Amen.

Avery Jessup

I believe in God who lives in Heaven above. God has created all that life has to offer. I believe that Jesus Christ is my lord and savior. I believe that he was conceived by the spirit. Jesus Christ is God's son and is seated with him in heaven. I believe that God sent Jesus to walk this earth and put him through a cruel death to pardon our sins. I believe that Jesus arose from the dead on the third day to go live the rest of his life in heaven. I believe that Jesus, God, and the holy spirit are one. I believe that being a follower of the Lord and giving your life to Christ will fulfill your heart with God's endless love. I believe in everlasting life with Christ after death. I believe Jesus forgives sins and loves no matter what. I believe that I will be grounded and safe by building my life onto God. I believe that God is working in the church through the Holy Spirit and casting faith and joy to me, so that I can spread the gospel to others through my faith. Amen.

Hunter Jessup

I believe in God and his son Jesus. I believe that God loves me and I will live in Heaven with him one day. I trust in God every day and know that he will guide me and keep me safe. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from death to show us that he forgives us. Having faith in God will allow me to go to Heaven and live eternal life. I exercise my faith by praying, when I am up to bat, I draw a cross in the dirt as a way to thank God for giving me my strengths. If I ever have any doubt, I remember my faith to get me through. I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe God created everything and made everything good. Through my beliefs that I've learned growing up in church, I can share God's word and promises to others through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Evelyn LaPointe

I believe in Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus was put on Earth to speak the Gospel that he is the only son of God, fully God and fully human, and that he was crucified for our sins and rose from the dead three days later. I believe that God is glorious and almighty: He created Heaven and Earth, redeems us of our sins through Jesus, and gives us life everlasting. I believe in the Holy Spirit who speaks and guides us through the Holy Bible, the word of God, and brings us together as a church to worship God. Amen.



Easter Lilies

The lily that blooms at Easter symbolizes the resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless bulb decaying in the ground. It is a symbol of purity and is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. With the ones before us today, we have the added message of love between family and friends.

Given In Honor Of

Rebecca Dunn from Hazel Hand

Willis Clark from the Seekers Sunday School Class

Jane Sandrock from Noah and Ashtyn Adams

Kim Clark from Judy Maples Heffner

Lucrecia Pages from Luis and LoJuanna Pages

Elnora Andersen from Justin, Trinity, and Jesse Andersen

Their children and their families from Earlene and Larry McLamb





Given In Loving Memory Of

Samuel Justin Kane from Cindy and Sean Kane
Margaret and Samuel James Kane from Cindy and Sean Kane
Juanita and Raymond Auman from Cindy and Sean Kane
Betty and Howard Smith from Cindy and Sean Kane
Iris and Gorden Keith from David and Martha Keith
Claire Bruno from David Keith
Erin James from Brittney James
Tom Sherwin from Marilyn Serwin
Betty Jarvis from her Grandchildren
Betty Jarvis from Lori, Amy, and Nancy
Their Mothers from Craig and Sharon Fogleman
Ella Ruth Clark from Noah and Ashtyn Adams
Chuck Heffner from Judy Maples Heffner
Their Parents and Grandparents from the Byers Family
Their Parents from Jane and Rick McInnis
Their Parents from Pat and Sandy McLaughlin
Nancy Van Dyke from Pat and Sandy McLaughlin
Luis Pages from Luis and LoJuanna Pages
C.H. "Pat" and Doris Blue from Luis and LoJuanna Pages
Marylin Robinson from Justin, Trinity, and Jesse Andersen
Patti Andersen from Justin, Trinity, and Jesse Andersen
Helen and Charles Hill from the Hill Family
Reynold Davenport, Jr. from the Hill Family
Joyce and Curtis McInnis from John and Dan McInnis
Bill Clark from Nancy Clark
Ray and Juanita Auman from Will, Kelly, Ayla, and Luke Jacobs
Julian and Helene Maness from Will, Kelly, Ayla, and Luke Jacobs
Willie and Sara Jacobs from Will, Kelly, Ayla, and Luke Jacobs
John and Viola Fiddner from Earlene and Larry McLamb
John and Marquerite Fiddner from Earlene and Larry McLamb
Dighton and Trilby Fiddner from Earlene and Larry McLamb
Howard and Cecilia Troutman from Earlene and Larry McLamb
Earl and Helen Lampley from Earlene and Larry McLamb
Frank and Ann McNeill from their children
Keilah Goff and David Kuzminski from their Bethesda siblings
Pete and Helena Neill from a grateful congregation
Joyce McInnis from her Bethesda family
Carol Prevatte and Dottie Folley from their Bethesda family

Announcements

The Church Office will be Closed tomorrow, Easter Monday.

Circle #4 will meet Tuesday at 10 in the parlor.

The Church Administrator will be out of town from April 3 to 9. If you have an urgent matter, please contact Pastor David or the Elder of the Month.

Men of the Church will meet Thursday, April 4, from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Elder of the Month for April is Jamie Clarke.

Thanks to the Bethesda family and prayer team for all the prayers, cards, food, messages, and visits during my hospital stay and some days afterward. The love was overwhelmingly appreciated and felt deeply. Kelly Jacobs

Women Gifts of Women Sunday is next Sunday. If you want to participate in this service, please contact Leslie, Pastor David, or the church office.

There will be no Sonshine Club meeting in April.

Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build: April 25-27, 8 am-1 pm. We need volunteers to work on this year's Apostles' Build house on our assigned weekend. Bethesda will work in conjunction with other area churches. 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.

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 contact Brittany or Mary Katherine if you are interested in helping. 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 65

Offering Collected \$2,251.35

Worship Attendance 152

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 Peggy Jones The Family of Joyce McInnis
Nancy Clark

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)

David and Patsy Bailey (friends of Bethesda)

June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)

Ann and Ray Bruce (friends of Bethesda)

The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)

Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)

Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)

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)

Tommy Grove (friend of Bethesda)

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)
The Family of Evelyn Terry (friends of Mary Ann Ward)
Doris Tulloch & daughters Rebecca and Sarah (friends of John McInnis)
Angie and Abby Underhill (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)
Pattie Waddell (sister of Lisa McDonald)
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

April Birthdays

1 Mary Katherine White
3 Gary Moon
4 Patrick Hardison
6 Kim Clark
10 David Henry Priddy
12 Elena Roth
14 Matt Forbis
 Leslie Champion
17 Gail Cunningham
 Chris Auman

 Linda Parke
20 Joe Gradzewicz
21 Ruth Sinclair
22 Jim Kahl
23 Eleanor Hamme
 Nancy Clark
24 Cookie Crowley
25 Jim Shaffer
26 Curt Proctor
 Erin Jessup



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