



*“We, little fishes, after the image of our Ichthys, Jesus Christ, are born in the water.” - Tertullian*

**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

April 14, 2024 11 o'clock

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Chiming of the Trinity

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> <b>Bringing in the Light of Christ</b>	Page
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## †Call to Worship from Isaiah 43:1-7

One: We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

**All: We, the redeemed, have been called by name.**

One: As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

**All: We will not fear, for God is with us!**

One: The rivers shall not overwhelm us, for God is our guide and our protector.

**All: Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us and nourish us.**

One: Great is the Fount of Every Blessing,

**All: ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.**

One: Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

## †Hymn #744 *Arise, Your Light is Come*

## †Call to Confession

## †Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

## †Assurance of Pardon

### †Congregational Response Hymn #634 *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)*

## A Moment with Young Disciples

### Catechism Study Review

Question 102

### Prayer of Illumination

### Old Testament Reading

Exodus 6:1-13

*pg 52 in the front part of the pew bible*

### First New Testament Reading

Acts 2:37-42

*pg 120 in the back part of the pew bible*

### Second New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1-14

*pg 156 in the back part of the pew bible*

### Anthem

*Open Hearts, Open Doors*

Schram

### Gospel Reading

John 8:31-38

*pg 101 in the back part of the pew bible*

### Sermon

*“You Will be Free Indeed”*

### †Congregational Hymn #488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

### Sacrament of Baptism

The Ough Family

Baptisms of Hannah, Adelaide, Isabelle, and Elias Ough

## **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)

## **†Sharing of the Peace**

## **Offering & Offertory**

*To a Lily*

Felton

## **†Offering Response Hymn**

*Doxology*

*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**

### **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 #238**

*Thine is the Glory*

## **†Charge and Benediction**

## **†Choral Benediction #238 refrain**

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

## **Postlude**

*Day of Resurrection*

Colvin

† 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 by Bill and Linda Parke.

**Prayers and Sympathy** to the Clark and Williams families upon the passing of Willis Clark. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 3 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a committal service at Bethesda Cemetery.

**The Elder of the Month** for April is Jamie Clarke. **Session and Deacons** will meet next Sunday at 4 and 6 pm, respectively.

**Worship Committee** will meet today after service in the Board Room.

**PW Spring Gathering** On Saturday, April 20th, a few women are going to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sanford for our women's spring gathering. Anyone who would like to go, please meet us in the parking lot at 8 am; we'll carpool. There will be refreshments to begin the day. I'm excited to say that Bethesda will set up a table to display our pillowcase project. In addition, there will be a wonderful worship experience. If you're interested let me know so we can figure out how many cars we need. Leslie 910 220 1616

**The Lions Club** annual BBQ plate sale is Thursday, April 18 at Aberdeen Lake Park from 11 am-6 pm. Chicken or Pork BBQ plates \$10 each.

**Preschool Sunday** is next week. The Merry Hearts children and their families will join us for worship and invite you to their art show and lunch following the service.

**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. Go to <https://sandhillshabitat.org/> and click on the Volunteer button to register.

**Save the date** Campus Clean Up Day will be Saturday, May 18, from 9-11 am. More information to come.

**Vacation Bible School** will be Monday-Friday, June 10-14, from 5-7:15 pm; please mark your calendars. Please go to the following links to view our



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)  
The Family of Freddie Upchurch (friends of Mary Ann Ward)  
Pattie Waddell (sister of Lisa McDonald)  
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)  
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

### **April Birthdays**

14 Matt Forbis

Chris Auman

Leslie Champion

Linda Parke

17 Gail Cunningham

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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