



**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

July 21, 2024, 11 o'clock

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

*Head of the Church Triumphant*

Colvin

### Bringing in the Light of Christ

### †Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-4

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**Many: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

**Many: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

**Many: I have sworn to my servant David:**

One: I will establish your descendants forever,

**Many: and build your throne for all generations.' "**

### †Congregational Hymn #826 *Lift High the Cross*

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

## **A Moment with Young Disciples**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

## **Old Testament Readings**

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29

Pg 635 and 504 in the front of your pew Bible

## **Special Music**

*You Raise Me Up*

Graham & Loveland

Mason Roth, Soloist

## **New Testament and Gospel Readings**      Romans 8:12-17, John 3:16-21

Pg 158 and 94 in the back of your pew Bible

## **Sermon**

*"In the Name of the Father..."*

## **† Hymn #724**

*O Jesus I Have Promised*

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Brittany James

Addison Painter

## **† 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

*How Firm A Foundation*

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### †Hymn # 606

*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 #623 v. 1,2 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

### †Charge and Benediction

### †Choral Benediction Hymn #623 v. 3

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

### Postlude

*The Rejoicing*

Callahan

† Please stand as you are able.

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

## Announcements

**Statements of Faith** from the baptized: Brittany James

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God, born to the Virgin Mary. I believe in the Trinity who is three in one and one in three. I believe that Jesus gave his life on the Cross so that our sins would be forgiven. I believe in the Father who protects, leads, and has a purpose for all his children. I believe in the Holy Spirit who guides me through Church, worship, and prayer, drawing me closer to God and making me a stronger Christian.

Addison Painter

I believe in God, the Trinity, who is one in three and three in one. I believe in The Father who created the world; sent his one and only son, Jesus, out of love to save the world; and who protects me daily. I believe in Jesus, that he is with me always, and the power of his saving cross. I believe that Jesus died and rose again for his people. I believe in the Holy Spirit who gives me the power to speak and makes me a Christian through faith and gives me grace through prayer and the community of faith, the Church.

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Leah Barrett Proctor's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday from her family.

**Prayers and Sympathy** to the McGiffin family upon Don McGiffin's passing on Tuesday. Please continue to keep Katy, Morgan, and their families in your prayers. There will be a memorial service for Don and Jean on August 3 in the sanctuary at 2 p.m. There will be a short reception in the Fellowship Hall after the service, followed by a private family committal service at Old Bethesda.

**Elder of the Month** for July is Mary Katherine White. **Elders and Deacons meet today** at 4 and 6 pm, respectively.

**Bethesda's Christian Crafters** will meet on Saturday, August 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to make aprons. No sewing experience is necessary. Please join us; bring a snack to share!

**2024 Auction** Excitement is building for Bethesda's fall auction, which will take place on Saturday, November 2. If you have clean auction items you would like to donate, please get in touch with the church office for pick up. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, contact Jim Ransdell.

**Last Week's Numbers**

*Sunday School Attendance 29      Offering Collected \$6,074*

*Worship Attendance 110*

	<b><u>June</u></b>	<b><u>2024 YTD</u></b>
<i>Revenues</i>	\$25,127	\$213,480
<i>Expenses</i>	(\$32,764)	(\$211,536)
<i>Gain/(Loss)</i>	(\$7,637)	\$1,943

## **Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List**

### **Members**

Earlene and Larry McLamb   **Nate Forbis**   Sara Swartout   Cy Israel  
Karen Robertson   Peggy Jones   Bruce Thomas   Jim Thomas

### **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 Thomas  
Ruth Sinclair   Gladys Harris

### **Friends and Family (new additions in bold)**

Jenny Abbot

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)

**Claudia and Mark Gregory (neighbors of Bill and Linda Parke)**

Tommy Grove (friend of Bethesda)

Scott Harmer (friend of Ron and Jane Long)

Morgan Hill (friend of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)

Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)

**Kam and Mary Kathryn Hurst (friends of Bethesda)**

Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)

Kelsi (friend of Carolyn Burns)

Christina and Richard King and Family (friends of Bethesda)

Timothy Liles (friend of Leigh Baggs)

Carol and Alan Monroe (friends of Bethesda)

Kacey McDonald (cousin of Al McDonald)

Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)

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

Jack Oxendine (friend of Brittany James)

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)  
Linda and Sylvia Porter (community people in need)  
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)  
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)  
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)  
Janice Sutton (Joyce Robinson's sister)  
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)  
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)  
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

## **July Birthdays**

1 Sarah DeSpain  
2 Amy Hand  
3 Somer Lee  
6 Sara Wilson  
8 Terry Carpenter  
11 Gladys Harris  
13 Hugh Joyce  
Hunter Pages  
Cullen Martin  
15 Grant Morgan  
Rick Noyes  
17 Cathy White  
18 Laura Hill  
20 LoJuanna Pages, Bill Ficklin  
24 Jacob Wilson, Doug Williams  
25 Sharon Fogleman, Leah Proctor  
27 Taylor Wynn  
28 Molly McClain, Reggie Smith  
29 Sadie Ransdell, Gloria Smith



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