



**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

Ordinary Time

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

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Prelude

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

## †Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**All: The Lord's name be praised!**

## †Congregational Hymn

## 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

## †Sharing of the Peace

† **Congregational Response Hymn #582**      *Glory to God*

**A Moment with Young Disciples**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

**New Testament Reading**

**Sermon**

† **Congregational Hymn**

† **Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostle's 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)

† **Prayers for the People**

**Offering & Offertory**

† **Hymn # 606**

*Doxology*

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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

### † Charge and Benediction

### † Choral Benediction

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

### Postlude

† Please stand as you are able.

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

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**September 15, 2024**

**Music for the Day**

Opening Hymn #394 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Sermon Response Hymn #435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Closing Hymn #720 *Jesus Calls Us*

Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* Page

Offertory *He Keeps Me Singing* Ham

Postlude *I Love to Tell the Story* Rogers

Anthem *From the Nets of Our Labor*

**Readings for the Day**

Old Testament: Jonah 3:10&4:1-11

Gospel: Luke 24:44-47

Sermon: "Proclaim, Proclaim, Proclaim"

**Announcements**

**Please remember to turn in the bulletin for continued use; you may keep the inserts.**

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Teresa Hardison in honor of the artistry of our Lord. "Of all God's wondrous gifts to us, the gift of splendid flowers is one of the greatest!"

**Elder of the Month** for September is Laura Hill. **Session & Deacons** meet today at 4 and 6 pm, respectively.

**Next Sunday** Rev. Dr. Marielis Barreto from First Presbyterian Church in Aguada, Puerto Rico will be providing the message. Please see the insert for more information.

**Jonah Bible Study** will continue next week during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall.

**Last Week's Numbers**

*Sunday School Attendance* 72      *Offering Collected*      \$8758.50  
*Worship Attendance* 124

**End of August Financial Statement**

	Mo	YTD
Revenues	\$32,252	\$272,145
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(\$27,707)</u>	<u>(\$269,722)</u>
Net	\$4,545	\$2,422

**Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List**

**Members**

Earlene and Larry McLamb      Cy Israel      David Keith  
Terri Combs      Peggy Jones      Bruce Thomas      Jim Thomas      Sharon Fogleman

**Members in Facilities**

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

**Members to Keep in Prayer**

Jane Sandrock      Kitty Kuzminski      Nancy Clark  
Jackson Smith      Bruce Thomas

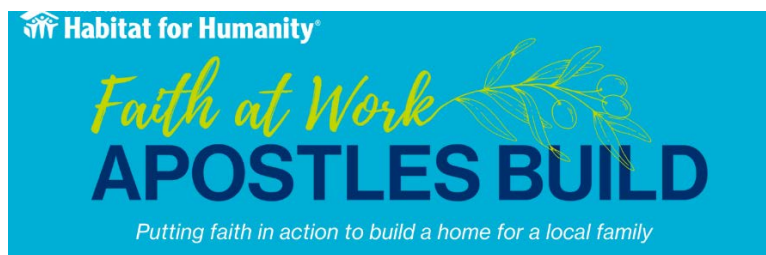
Ruth Sinclair      Gladys Harris      Sara Swartout      Karen Robertson

**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 Kathryne 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)  
Jeanne Muse (friend of Mary Ann Ward)  
Kacy Norton (niece of Lynn Dworak)  
Mike Norton (friend of Francisco)  
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)  
Marty Bell Prevatte (friend of Bethesda)  
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)  
Doris Tulloch & daughters Rebecca and Sarah (friends of John McInnis)  
Angie and Abby Underhill (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)  
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)  
Maren Ward and David Ward, Jr. (children of Mary Ann Ward)  
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

## September Birthdays

15 Connor Morgan  
Skylar Cunningham  
18 Amelia Grandzewicz  
20 Jane Sandroek  
27 Karen Robertson  
Bailey Byers  
28 JJ Southers  
29 Pat McClain



## Home Dedication

September 19, 5 pm

234 Page-Cunningham Rd, Aberdeen – All are welcome



## 2024 Auction

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



## SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2025:

Mark your calendars for VBS, Monday, July 7th - Friday, July 11th, 2025.



*101st Anniversary of the first  
Homecoming*  
**at Old Bethesda**

**Guest Preacher:  
Rev. Maureen Paterson**

Join us for our annual Homecoming celebration at Old Bethesda Church.

Worship service begins at 11:15 am.

Join us for food and fellowship on the picnic grounds following the service.

**SUNDAY ● SEPTEMBER 29**





## PUERTO RICO



### Marielis Barreto

The Rev. Dr. Marielis Barreto has been pastoring at the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana en Aguada (First Presbyterian Church in Aguada) since her ordination in 2000. The congregation stands out for its nearly 20-year community service thrift store ministry, Mission Bazaar. More recently, the congregation has been collaborating with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support volunteer hurricane relief efforts through the Casita Ebenezer Volunteer Center.

### Fast Facts About Puerto Rico

- Located in the heart of the Caribbean, Puerto Rico is an archipelago with two smaller, inhabited islands and several uninhabited islets.
- The Indigenous people of the island, the Taíno people, named the island Borikén. Thus, Puerto Ricans are also known as "Boricuas."
- Puerto Rico has a long history of being subjected to colonial rule beginning in 1493 when it was claimed by the Spanish Crown and extending to today, as it remains a colony of the U.S.
- Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens who cannot vote in presidential elections.
- In 2017, more than 2,000 lives were lost in Hurricane Maria, and it was the worst storm to hit the island in more than eight decades.
- Puerto Ricans are largely religious. About half of the population identify as Roman Catholic, with another third identifying as Protestant.

### Our Partners

- The Presbyterian churches in Puerto Rico are members of the PC(USA), organized in three presbyteries and one synod. Puerto Rican Presbyterians participate in the life of the church at large in committees, boards and as staff in the national offices.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance remains committed to our siblings in Puerto Rico. More than \$3.2 million in grants have gone to Puerto Rico to support the work of congregations and local organizations responding to the disasters, and over 2,000 PDA volunteers have worked on rebuilding projects since 2017.



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