



**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

November 3, 2024, 11 o'clock

Stewardship Month

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

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Minute for Stewardship

Brittany Driggers

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Prelude

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Smith

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

## †Call to Worship

One: In a world where many feel helpless, we gather to be reminded that our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Many: In a world where many think there is no hope, we gather to be reminded that our hope is in Christ.**

One: Together, we lift our voices to God, our maker and sustainer, the One in whom we hope and trust.

**Many: Together, we serve our church and our world, sharing God's love with everyone we meet.**

One: Together, we lift our hearts in joyful praise. Come, let us worship God.

## †Congregational Hymn #726 v1 All, 2 Women, 3 Men, 4 Choir, 5 All

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you, yet we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the

gift of time. You provide us with time to serve, learn, grow, and share, but we often spend our time serving ourselves. You provide us with opportunities to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least of us with more financial resources than most of the world; however, we resist sharing because we fear the future. You have given us a beautiful creation to enjoy; we take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

†**Sharing of the Peace**

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

## **A Moment with Young Disciples**

**Catechism Review**

Question 5

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**First New Testament Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

**Anthem**

*In Christ there is No East or West*

White

**Second New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 5:7-16

**Sermon**

*“It’s Never Too Late”*

†**Hymn #503**

*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

## **Commissioning of Travis Driggers as a Sunday School Teacher**

†**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.

## **Offering**

from 1 Corinthians 29

One: All things come from you, O Lord.

All: And of your own have we given you.

## **Offertory**

*Love Medley*

Ham

## **†Hymn # 606**

*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.

### **Words of Institution**

### **Holy Communion**

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **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 #547 v. 1&2**    *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction #547v3**

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

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

**Postlude**

*Celebration*

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† Please stand as you are able.

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

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Palmer Noyes' 24<sup>th</sup> birthday from Lisa, Rick, and Sally Noyes.

**Family Fun Night** today at 4:30 pm for families with children ages preK-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes need to be turned in by Nov 17.

**2024 Auction** Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, workers, and bidders who made the event such a success.

**Elder of the Month** for November is Victor Andersen.

**Stewardship Season** November marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign to plan for 2025. Throughout the month, we will focus on how we can use our time, talents, and treasures in stewardship to Bethesda and our surrounding community. The Time and Talent Fair will be on November 10, after worship. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures for the directory. We will take orders for printed copies for a small fee.

**Thank Offering** Presbyterian Women will be collecting their Thank Offering this month. They will sponsor a luncheon November 24 after service.

**Thanksgiving Community Meal** will be Nov 28. Volunteers needed to provide desserts and to assist the day of.

**Christian Care Committee** will once again contribute to the *Child in Need* fund this year. Last year, because of the generosity of so many from Bethesda, we were able to donate

\$2,600 to both Southern Middle and Crains Creek Schools. If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please mark your donation as Christian Care/Christmas Fund.

## **Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List**

### **Members**

Earlene and Larry McLamb      Cy Israel      **Shaw Ray**  
Terri Combs    Peggy Jones    Bruce Thomas    Jim Thomas    Bob Armswood

### **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  
Bill Arlington (friend of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)  
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)  
Gregg Douglas (Lisa Noyes' brother)  
Lisa Eaton (Ann Woodfield's daughter)  
Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)  
Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)  
April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)  
Claudia and Mark Gregory (neighbors of Bill and Linda Parke)  
Family of 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)  
Roger Jacobs (Peggy Jacobs' husband)  
Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)  
Kelsi (friend of Carolyn Burns)  
Christina and Richard King and Family (friends of Bethesda)  
JoAnne Ladd (friend of Paula Caddell)  
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)  
 Mike Norton (friend of Francisco)  
 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)  
 Mark Styers (friend of Faith Church)  
 Marie Sykes (Kathleen White's mother)  
 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 cousin)

### **November Birthdays**

2	Nate Forbis		21	Nate Ardinger
3	Henry Hogan		22	Cathy Carpenter
	Mike Laswell		24	Kay Mack
5	Palmer Noyes		25	Andy Auman
9	Connor Ferguson			Richard McInnis
12	Andy White		26	Chrissy Excell
	Liam Gradzewicz		27	Mason Roth
16	Lee Miller		28	Brittney James
	Ann Litton		29	Debbie Pace
17	Christi Conley		30	Betsy Mofield
20	Isabelle Ough			Sadie Proctor



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