



**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

December 1, 2024, 11 o'clock

First Sunday of Advent – Communion Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Kirkland

Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship.

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Ron Schuch & Connie Atwell

Hope

†Call to Worship in Word

O Antiphon 1*

One: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness: Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

†Congregational Hymn #82

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Adapted from Isaiah 64:6-8

O LORD, we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Have mercy upon us and prepare us for the coming of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ—in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

†Kyrie



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

†Assurance of Pardon

†Sharing of the Peace *(Please share with those directly around you)*

A Moment with Young Disciples

Catechism Review

Question 9

Q.9. Does not God, then, do injustice to man by requiring of him His Law that which he cannot perform?

A.9. No, for God so made man that he could perform it; but man, through the instigation of the devil, by willful disobedience deprived himself and all his descendants of those divine gifts.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Anthem

Will We Know Him

Besig/Price

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sermon

"Hope"

I Saw Three Ships

Children's Choir

†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 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.

(*In this context, the word catholic is defined as the universal Christian church)

†Prayers of the People

Offering & Offertory

Come and Worship

Ham

†Offering Response Hymn # 144 v.4

In the Bleak Midwinter

*What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

†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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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

Holy Communion

†Prayer after Communion

†Closing Hymn #144 v. 1&2 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

†Charge and Benediction O Antiphon 2*

One: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai: Come with outstretched arm to save us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

†Choral Benediction #144 v3 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude *Hail the Lord's Anointed* Balcombe

† Please stand as you are able.

*O Antiphons The original Advent calendar was an ancient Latin hymn called the O Antiphons. Starting on December 17 and through the day before Christmas Eve, this series of seven messianic titles were sung at evening prayer to mark the week leading up to the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. In order, the antiphons are:

O Sapientia	Wisdom
O Adonai	Lord
O Radix Jesse	Root of Jesse
O Clavis David	Key of David
O Oriens	Sunrise
O Rex Gentium	King of the Nations
O Emmanuel	God with us

If you read the first letter (not counting the O) of each antiphon from bottom to top, the group of antiphons forms a backward acrostic poem in Latin: *ero cras*, or “tomorrow I will [come].”

In many congregations, the O Antiphons are best known as the source for the popular Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” We will use two of the Antiphons in order at the beginning and end of each Sunday worship service leading up to Christmas.

Here is a simple prayer for advent that follows the imagery of the O Antiphons:

Come, Jesus Christ, our Savior –	
teach us your way,	Sapientia/Wisdom
lead us to freedom,	Adonai/Lord
grow in our lives,	Radix Jesse/Root of Jesse
open our minds,	Clavis David/Key of David
shine in our actions,	Oriens/Sunrise
rule in our hearts,	Rex Gentium/King of the Nations
be with us here, now, always.	Emmanuel/God with us

Announcements

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Leslie Champion wishing all the Bethesda family a happy Christmas season.

Christian Care Committee will contribute again to the *Child in Need* fund this year. Last year, because of the generosity of so many from Bethesda, we donated \$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. **Last day to donate is TODAY.**

Christmas poinsettias please have all orders and money turned in by December 8. Forms available in the narthex.

Christmas Tree Donations needed for next year's VBS!



The graphic is a Christmas calendar for Bethesda Presbyterian Church. It features a plaid border at the top and bottom. The title "BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" is centered in red. A vertical dotted line separates the left and right columns of events. Each event is listed with a date in a red rounded rectangle, followed by the time and description. The church's address and slogan are at the bottom, flanked by holly leaves.

BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nov. 28 Noon to 2:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Meal in Fellowship Hall	Dec. 15 11:00 am Worship Service Lessons and Carols
Dec. 1 9:00 am Worship Service Hanging of the Greens	Dec. 22 11:00 am Worship Service Moore Brass
11:00 am Worship Service with Communion	Dec. 24 5:00 pm Community Christmas Eve Service at Bethesda with Pastor Eric Joyce preaching
Dec. 8 11:00 am Worship Service Merry Hearts Preschool Sunday	Dec. 25 9:30 am Family Christmas Day Service
5:00 pm Lovefeast in Fellowship Hall	

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- the church with the lake out front -

Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List

Members

Tom and Harriet Mueller Earlene and Larry McLamb Cy Israel Shaw Ray
Terri Combs Peggy Jones Bruce Thomas Nancy Dearborn Jim Thomas
Connie Atwell Bob Armswood Becky Brown and family

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

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 Bruce (friend of Bethesda)
Baby Bryce (friend of Rebecca Dunn)
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 Kathryn 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)
Glenn Miller (friend of Rick and Jane McInnis)
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)
Lucretia Pinnock (friend of Judy Heffner)
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)
Sam and Mia Smithson (children of Ashley Keith)
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
Mark Styers (friend of Faith Church)
Janice Sutton (Joyce Robinson's sister)

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)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)
Family of Neil Wolfe

December Birthdays

2	Nora Andersen		Brittany Driggers
4	Theo Ardinger	14	Keisha Smith
	Laura Byers	16	Larry Smith
5	John Wilson	18	Dan Wiener
	Nora Driggers	19	Hester Combs
6	Ashtyn Adams	21	Harold Williams
7	Wyatt Roth	24	Reggie Smith
8	Liam Priddy		Luke Jacobs
11	Craig Fogleman	26	Flo Hollister
	Eli Ferguson	27	Haley White
12	J Cunningham	28	Hunter Jessup
	Ashlyn White	30	Sam Cunningham
	Ashley Keith	31	Ginger Wilson
13	Bob White		Rhys Priddy

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Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon

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