

# 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

January 19, 2025, 11 o'clock Second Sunday after Epiphany

**Gathering Music** 

Welcome & Announcements

**Chiming of the Trinity** 

**Prelude** 

The Lord God Ineffable Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship. Paxton

**Bringing in the Light of Christ** 

### †Call to Worship in Word

John 1:14, 12

One: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

All: and we have seen His glory.

One: To all who received Him,

All: He gave power to become children of God.

†Congregational Hymn #12

Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise

# Call to Confession

Silent Prayer

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

### †Response #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. (sing twice)

## A Moment with Young Disciples

**Prayer of Illumination** 

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:15-17

**Epistle Reading** Galatians 4:1-11

**Anthem** *Create in Me* 

Gospel Reading Matthew 6:7-13

**Sermon** "Our Father"

†**Hymn** #370 This is My Father's World

#### †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)

#### Offering & Offertory

*Toplady* 

Hastings/Colvin

# †Offering Response Hymn #606 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavnly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

# †Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

### 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 #729 v. 1-3 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Benediction #729 v. 4

Taking the light of Christ into the world

**Postlude** 

The Golden Trumpet

Smith

† Please stand as you are able.

### **Announcements**

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God in memory of Gary Mofield by his grandsons: Graham, Seamus, Henry, Joseph, Charlie, Arlo, and Oscar.

**Congratulations** to the Wynn family on the birth of their daughter Marian Piper. She was born January 15, weighing 7 lbs, 9 0z and was 19.3 inches long. Proud parents are Jeff and Christi; big sisters are Taylor and Birdie! Welcome to the world little one!

Dr. Katy O'Brien (Sarah and John O'Brien's daughter) will be speaking at Owen's Auditorium this Tuesday at 7pm. The topic is *Thinking and Talking Brain: Communication, Connection, and Mental Health after Brain Injury and Concussion*. The event is free.

**Elders** meet today at 4 pm. **Deacons** will meet today at 6 pm.

**Congregational Meeting** January 26 at the conclusion of worship to receive the 2025 budget and conduct the annual meeting.

**Family Promise** Bethesda is scheduled to volunteer with Family Promise of Moore County (our local shelter for homeless women and children) February 3rd through 6th. We need to provide an evening meal and an overnight host(ess) each night. Please contact LoJuanna Pages if you can assist or have any questions <a href="mailto:lbluepages@gmail.com">lbluepages@gmail.com</a> 910-638-1866



**Sign Up Charts** are in the narthex for flowers and for scripture readers for 2025. Please sign up for a Sunday today!

**Christmas Tree Donations are** needed for next year's VBS! VBS will be July 7-11, 2025.

#### Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance 97

Offering Collected \$16,517

#### Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List <u>Members</u>

Tom and Harriet Mueller Earlene and Larry McLamb Cy Israel Peggy Jones Jim Thomas Bob Armswood

#### **Members in Facilities**

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

Harold Williams – Fox Hollow

#### **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)

Family of Baby Lola Jo

The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)

Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)

Amanda Cox (friend of Rebecca Dunn)

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)

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

Family of Tommy Grove (friend of Bethesda)

Family of 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 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 Noves 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) Terry Porter (friend of Judy Heffner) Marty Bell Prevatte (friend of Bethesda) Alexander Deaton Riley (Great-grandson of Kitty Kuzminski) Betty Ann Shaw (mother of Mary Ann Ward) Mark Simmons (friend of Rick and Lisa Noyes) Sam and Mia Smithson (children of Ashley Keith) Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis) Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father) Mark Galyean (friend of Faith Church) 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) Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski) Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin) Family of Neil Wolfe **January Birthdays** Enontro MaNoill Alan Whita

19	Franke Michelli		Alan wille
20	Leigh Baggs	28	Ellen Heckman
	Will Jacobs	29	Wil Byers
22	Mary Shaffer	31	Pat McLaughlin
26	Travis Driggers		Maddie Gorb
27	Connie Atwell		



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