



**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 5, 2025, 11 o'clock  
*Epiphany – Communion Sunday*

## Gathering Music

## Welcome & Announcements

## Chiming of the Trinity

## Prelude

*To Follow the Star*

Ritter

*Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship.*

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

## † Call to Worship in Word

Isaiah 60:1,3

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

**All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

One: Nations shall come to your light

**All: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

One: Eternal God, by a star you led magi to the worship of your Son.  
Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world  
may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## † Congregational Hymn #151      *We Three Kings*

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

†**Assurance of Pardon**

†**Sharing of the Peace**

†**Response #132 v.1**            *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*

*Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now. Christ is born to day! Christ is born today.*

**A Moment with Young Disciples**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First New Testament Reading**

Luke 2:15-21

**Anthem**

*Fit for a King*

Martin

**Second New Testament Reading**

John 6:35-57

**Sermon**

*"Lying in a Feeding Trough"*

†**Congregational Hymn #159**    *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

†**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 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 #136 v.1-2**

*Go Tell it On the Mountain*

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Choral Benediction #136 v3**

*Go Tell it On the Mountain*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us  
salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Go tell it on the mountain.  
Over the hill and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus  
Christ is born.*

# Taking the light of Christ into the world

## Postlude

*A Postlude on We Three Kings*

Balcombe

† Please stand as you are able.

## Announcements

**Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Lee Miller wishing everyone a Happy New Year. There are still a few poinsettias left. If you'd like one, please take from the breezeway hall in the administrative/education building.

**Thank you** for your kindness and generosity this holiday season. We look forward to continuing to serve Bethesda in the new year. From the Bethesda Staff: King Chavis, Matt Harris, Laurie Sweeny, Earlene McLamb and Julie Formanski.

**Men of the Church** will meet Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**New Members Class** will be offered in January. If you wish to participate, contact the church office. This class is for those who have recently joined the church or who are considering joining.

**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 107*

*Offering Collected \$7514*

### **Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List**

#### **Members**

Tom and Harriet Mueller   Earlene and Larry McLamb   Cy Israel  
Peggy Jones   Jim Thomas   Craig Fogleman   Bob Armswood   Joyce Robinson

#### **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 Kathyryne 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 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)  
 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 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

### January Birthdays

1	Nathan Clarke	20	Leigh Baggs
	Jordan Huffman		Will Jacobs
2	Marie Hardister	22	Mary Shaffer
	Sara Swartout	26	Travis Driggers
5	Sarah O'Brien	27	Connie Atwell
	Adelaide Ough		Alan White
8	Mary Ann Ward	28	Ellen Heckman
16	Jamie Boles	29	Wil Byers
17	Brittany Hardison	31	Pat McLaughlin
19	Franke McNeill		Maddie Gorb



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