

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

February 9, 2025, 11 o'clock

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany – Communion Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Spacious Firmament on High Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship. Handel

Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Call to Worship in Word

Matthew 5:14,16

One: You are the light of the world.

Many: Let your light shine before others,

One: so that they may see your good works

All: and give glory to your Father in heaven.

†Congregational Hymn #310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

†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

Catechism Study

Question 11

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 145

Pg 581 in the front of the pew Bible

First New Testament Reading

Matthew 4:23-25

Pg 4 in the back of the pew Bible

Anthem

We Are Called

Hayes

Second New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:44-45

Pg 14 in the back of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Thy Kingdom Come"

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

†Congregational Hymn #246 v.1,2 Christ is Alive

†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)

†Prayers of the People

Offering & Offertory

The Little Bells

James

†Offering Response Hymn #606

Doxology

†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.

†Closing Hymn #246 v. 3,4

Christ is Alive

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Benediction #246 v. 5

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Moderato Maestoso

Nordman

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers are given to the glory of God. Lamentations 3:22-23 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Prayers and Sympathy to Nancy Dearborn and extended family and friends upon the passing of Chuck Dearborn, Tuesday, February 4. Arrangements will be announced as they are decided.

Thank you to all my wonderful Bethesda family for the get-well wishes. I appreciate your concern, and hopefully, I'll be back soon. Eleanor Hamme

Worship Committee meets after worship today in the Jesse Wimberly Room. Fellowship Committee meets today after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Bethesda Christian Crafters will hold a sewing event to make backpacks on Thurs. Feb. 13 from 1 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share, scissors, and sewing machine if you can

Valentines Luncheon hosted by the Men of the Church next Sunday after worship.

Table of Six New groups are forming now. <u>Bethesda Presbyterian Church: Table of 6</u> **2025 Bethesda College Scholarship Applications** are now available on the homepage of the church website. Please adhere to all requirements and deadlines.

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

VBS will be July 7-11, 2025.

<u>Last Week's Numbers</u>

Worship Attendance 127 Offering Collected \$8,047 Sunday School Attendance 47

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

Tom and Harriet Mueller Earlene and Larry McLamb Cy Israel John O'Brien Doug and Mary Lawrie Peggy Jones Jim Thomas Bob Armswood Harper Jessup

Nancy Dearborn Betty Lou Stewart <u>Members in Facilities</u>

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)

Mark Galyean (friend of Faith Church)

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 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)

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

February Birthdays

2	Halle Cunningham	18	Nick Cunningham
5	Carolyn Moore	20	Nate Patton
5	Mark Moon	21	Bruce Thomas
	Sue Wiener	23	Charlie Hill
3	Jackson McClain		Rebecca Hill
	Brielle White		Jane Long
	Linda McMillan	24	Hannah Clarke
10	Jim Thomas		Ann Frank
	Julia Thomas	25	Bev Cunningham
	Al McDonald	26	Victor Andersen
14	Catherine Clark		Marilyn Sherwin
	Mikaela Priddy	28	Kim Blue
17	Carolyn Burns		Jessica Wilson



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