

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lead us not into
temptation

.... but deliver us
from evil

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

March 23, 2025, 11 o'clock

Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* Page
Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship.
Bringing in the Light of Christ

†**Call to Worship in Word** Psalm 51:15

One: O Lord, open my lips,

All: **and my mouth will declare your praise**

†**Congregational Hymn #435** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

†Call to Confession

†**Prayer of Confession** (Unison) Psalm 51:1-6

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

†Assurance of Pardon

†Sharing of the Peace

†Response

Be Not Afraid

Be not afraid. I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest. (sing twice)

A Moment with Young Disciples

Catechism Study

Question 16

Q.16. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A.16. Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should make satisfaction for sin; but one who is himself a sinner cannot satisfy for others.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Pg 719 in the front of the pew Bible

Epistle Reading

James 1:12-15

Pg 229 in the back of the pew Bible

Anthem

They Shall Soar Like Eagles

Manzo

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Pg 3 in the back of the pew Bible

Sermon

“Lead Us Not Into *Temptation*”

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 #735

I Need Thee Every Hour

†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 *The Old Rugged Cross* Ham

† **Offering Response Hymn #647** *Give Thanks*

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† **Closing Hymn** (see insert) v.1-2 *Victory in Jesus*

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction** v.3 *Victory in Jesus*

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude *The Blood of Jesus Medley* Ham

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Becky Mac Brown and Richard Chatham who were married Saturday at Old Bethesda.

Flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God by Pat and Sandy McLaughlin in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Session and Deacons Meetings today, at 4 and 6 pm, respectively. Elder of the month for March is Davis Clark.

Merry Hearts Preschool Sunday is next Sunday, March 30. Join us for worship at 11 and stay for the lunch and art show. Come get to know our Merry Hearts families.

Easter Lily Adoptions We are taking orders for Easter Lilies through April 6. The cost is \$10/plant. Please fill out the form in the bulletin or online

<https://forms.gle/G1KwWD7BJNMTvbWp8>

Office Email Change due to continued issues with our main church email account (bethesdapres@ncrrbiz.com), the office will be utilizing our back-up gmail account for communications. Please add BPC28315@gmail.com to your contact list to receive important updates and information.

Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build Thursday, Friday, and Saturday dates are available. Bethesda will fill in on days where they need more volunteers. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating in May and/or June.

The 2025 Bethesda College Scholarship Applications are available on the church website's homepage. Please adhere to all requirements and deadlines. Applications due **March 31**.

VBS will be July 7-11, 2025.

Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance 70 Offering Collected \$3708
Sunday School Attendance 41

February Month-End Financial Statement

	Feb 25	YTD
Revenues	\$25,016	\$68,288
Expenses	(\$32,640)	(\$62,197)
Net	(\$7,624)	\$6,090

Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List

Members

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
Frank Holt Nancy Dearborn Betty Lou Stewart Gloria Crane Mary Ann Ward

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)
The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)
Sally Conlon (friend of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)
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)
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)
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)
Angie and Abby Underhill (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)

Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)

March Birthdays

1	Rowan Priddy	17	Vance Crane
2	Sally Noyes		Ron Long
6	Chris Lee	18	Jasper Ardinger
7	Beth Morgan	21	Luis Pages
8	Madelyn Priddy		Mimi Pages
9	Rev. David Priddy	22	Henry Cunningham
10	Peggy Jacobs	23	Jeff Hill
11	Jesse Andersen		Melinda Gooden
13	Dene Moon	28	Tim Wilson
15	Grant Martin		Becky Brown
16	Joyce Robinson		James Driggers



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Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon

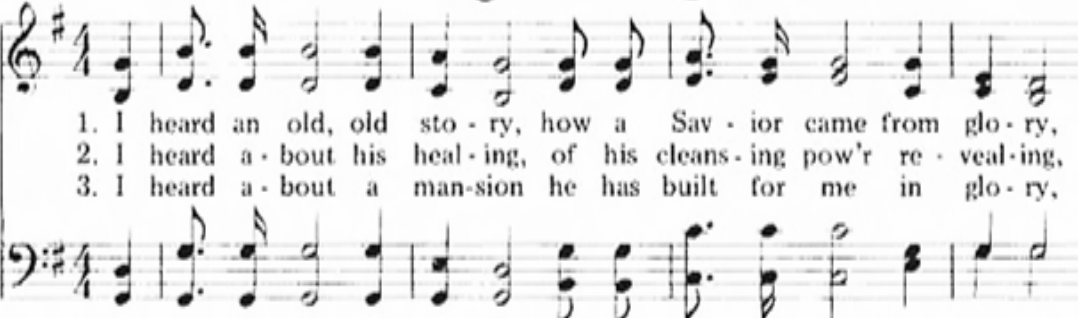
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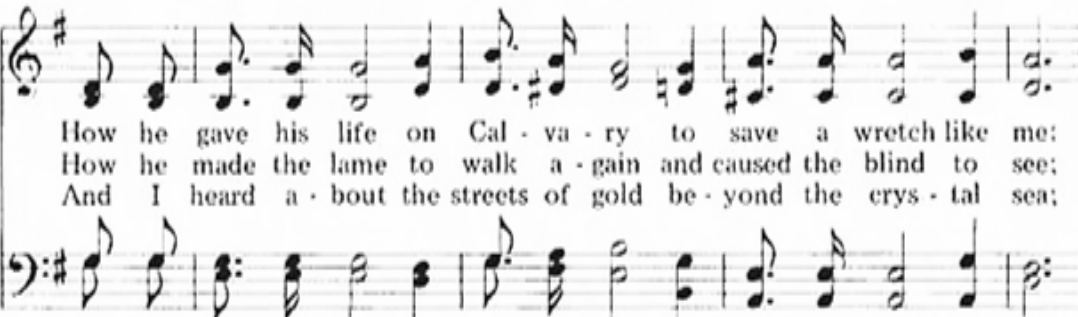
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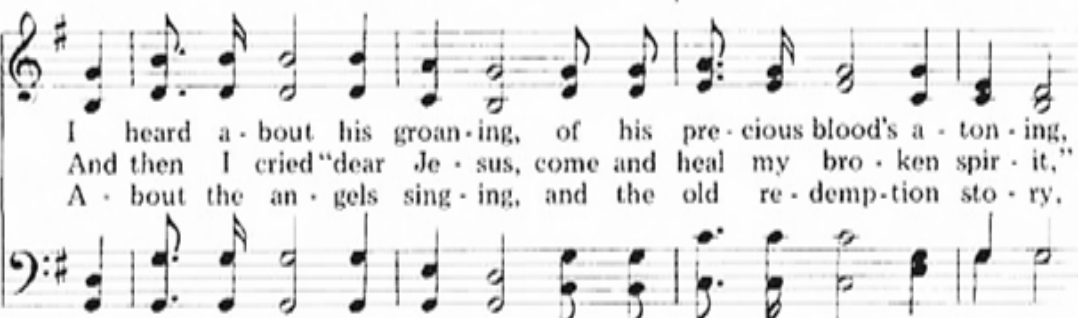
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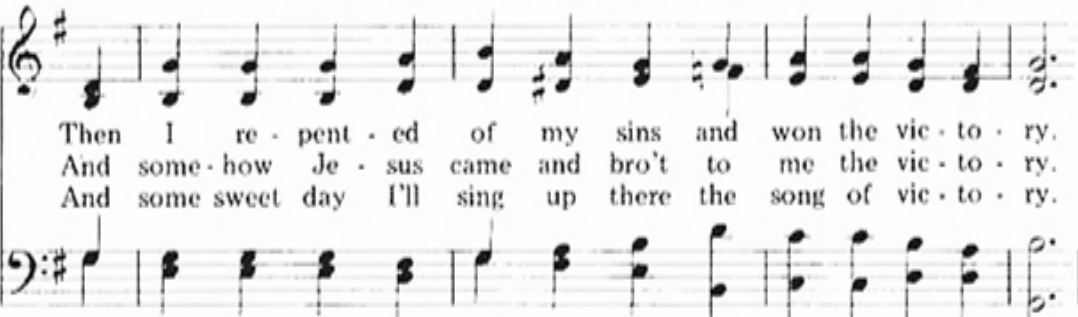
1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
2. I heard a - bout his heal - ing, of his cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,
3. I heard a - bout a man - sion he has built for me in glo - ry,



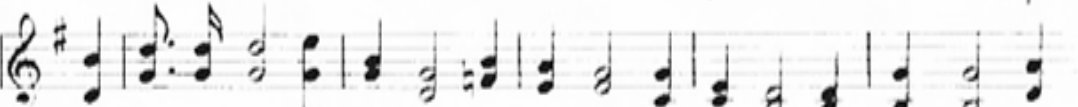
How he gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;
How he made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;



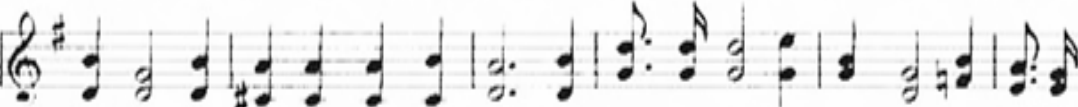
I heard a - bout his groan - ing, of his pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
And then I cried "dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,



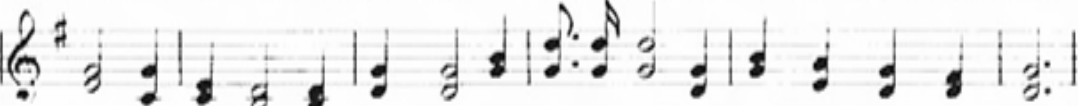
Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
And some - how Je - sus came and bro't to me the vic - to - ry.
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.



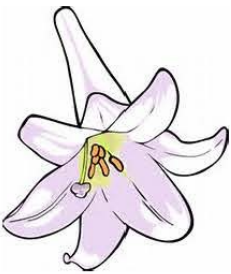
O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er, He sought me and



bo't me with his re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew him, and all my



love is due him, He plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.



EASTER LILIES order form



Order lilies for Easter Sunday.
The plants will cost \$10.

Please make sure you fill out the form completely. Thanks!

Name: _____ Phone# _____

Number of Plants: _____ x \$10 per plant = TOTAL:
\$ _____

Cash / check/online, payable to Bethesda Church, noted lilies

A list will be printed in the bulletin. Please list how you would like the names to appear.

Lily given in memory of:	Lily given in honor of:	Lily given by:

Return form with payment to the church office or place in offering plate by April 6.
Please make sure you indicate that payment is for lilies.