



*A merry heart
does good like
a medicine; but
a broken spirit
dries the bones*

Proverbs 17:22



**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 30, 2025, 11 o'clock

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Preschool Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Fantasia on Duke

Paxton

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 #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer* *Art*

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Psalm 51:1-8

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. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

†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)

Merry Hearts Preschool

If I Were a Butterfly

Peace Like a River

He's Got the Whole World

Praise the Lord

A Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 131

Pg 574 in the front of the pew Bible

Anthem

Open Hearts, Open Doors

Schramm

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:13-16

Pg 241 in the back of the pew Bible

Sermon

"Who is God?"

†Congregational Hymn #450

Be Thou My Vision

†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 *When I Survey the Wondrous 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

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 #462 v.1-2**

I Love to Tell the Story

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Choral Benediction v.3**

I Love to Tell the Story

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Festival Postlude

Grieg

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of all our Merry Hearts Preschool families and teachers and in memory of Neill Caldwell whose memorial service was held at Bethesda yesterday.

Merry Hearts Preschool Sunday is today – please stay for 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 narthex or online
<https://forms.gle/G1KwWD7BJNMTvbWp8>

From Women of the Church In keeping with our "Year of Bethesda Heritage," the Women of the Church invite you to join us for a tour of the Old Bethesda Cemetery at 2:00 PM on

Sunday, April 13th. David Keith will conduct a walking tour through the older parts of the cemetery, providing insight into the families who built our congregation, with some interesting comments about life in the early days of this community. After the tour, return to the picnic area for some tasty sweets, lemonade, and fellowship.

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 when 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 123 Offering Collected \$6,233
Sunday School Attendance 57

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 John O'Brien
Doug and Mary Lawrie Peggy Jones Jim Thomas **Bob Armswood**
Frank Holt Nancy Dearborn Betty Lou Stewart 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
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)

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 Kathryn 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)

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)

April Birthdays

1 Mary Katherine White
4 Patrick Hardison
6 Kim Clark
10 David Henry Priddy
12 Elena Roth
14 Matt Forbis
Leslie Champion
17 Gail Cunningham
Chris Auman

17 Linda Parke
19 Natalie Patton
20 Joe Gradzewicz
23 Eleanor Hamme
Nancy Clark
24 Cookie Crowley
25 Jim Shaffer
26 Curt Proctor
Erin Jessup



STAFF

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Grounds	Matt Harris	Nursery	Rebecca Dunn	Custodian	King Chavis

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

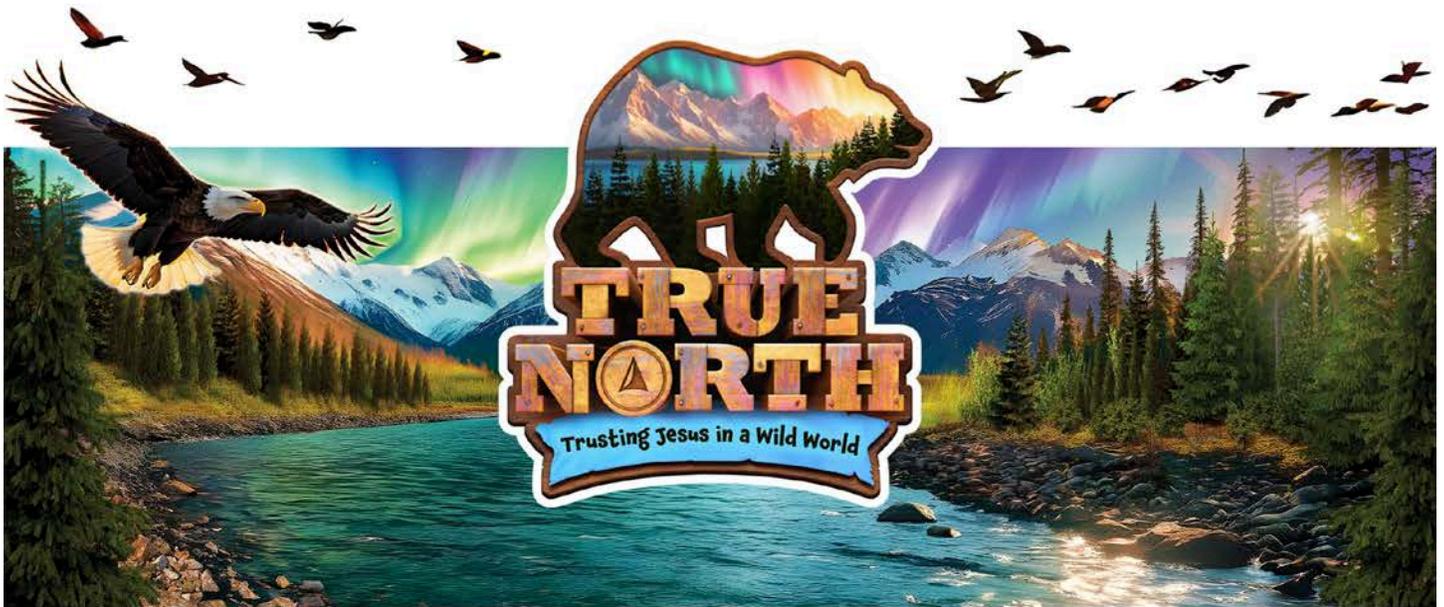
Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon

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Get ready for the ultimate Alaskan adventure!

Together we'll trek the tundra where the northern lights glow over majestic mountains, rivers race, and wildlife abound! It can be easy to lose sight of what is true in our wild world. At True North VBS we'll learn that by putting our trust and faith in Jesus we can navigate any wilderness. **Jesus is our True North!**

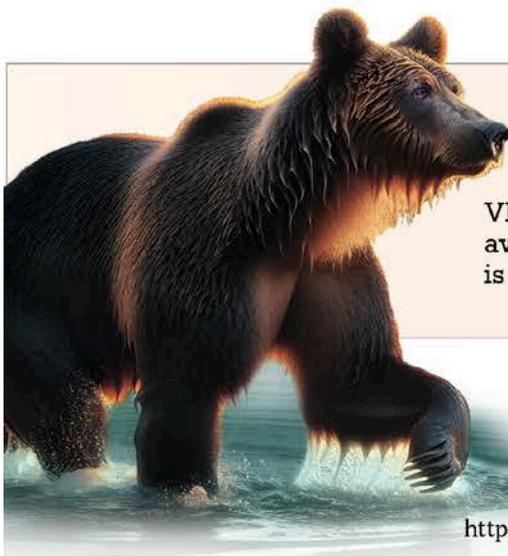
JULY 7TH - 11TH
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Bethesda Presbyterian Church
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DINNER WILL BE SERVED!

Enjoy dinner, a Bible story, music, crafts, games, STEM activities & more!

REGISTER NOW:
<https://bethesdapres.church>



Register online: <https://bethesdapres.church> or call the church office, 910-944-1319 for a hard copy.

VBS is for children age 3 yrs - 12th grade. Nursery is available for children 2 yrs and under. An adult VBS is also offered. Call the church office for details.

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2025 VBS Registration Form

Child Name: _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Additional Number(s): _____ Email (*important*): _____

Family Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

I agree to allow my child to participate in the Vacation Bible School program offered by Bethesda Presbyterian Church. I understand that my child must abide by all program rules as a condition of participation. I am aware that the activity may cause accident or injury as a direct or indirect result of participation. I also agree to assume all risks involved in my child's participation in the program. I further agree to release Bethesda Presbyterian Church, its employees, volunteers, and agents from any responsibility should an accident occur. I release any pictures taken during the program to be used for promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

1. Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

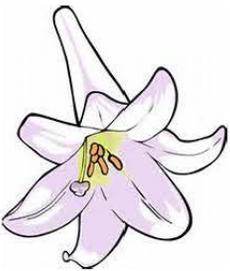
2. Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

4. Additional Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

Please return to:

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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.