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**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

June 1, 2025, 11 o'clock

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension of Our Lord

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Prelude on New England

Curtis

Let us quietly prepare ourselves for worship.

Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Call to Worship in Word

Acts 1:11

One: Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

Many: **This Jesus will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.**

All: **Alleluia!**

†Congregational Hymn #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

†Call to Confession

†Silent Prayer

†Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. 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 21

Q.21. What is true faith?

A.21. True faith is not only a sure knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also a hearty trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the Gospel, that not only to others, but to me also, forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 133

Pg 575 in the front of the pew Bible

Anthem

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Larsen

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Pg 197 in the back of the pew Bible

Sermon

†Congregational Hymn #662

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

†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 & Offertory

Hour of Communion

Paxton

†Offering Response Hymn #606

Doxology

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

†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

Holy Communion

†Prayer after Communion

†Closing Hymn #353 1-3

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Benediction #353 v 4

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Celebration

Callahan

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor and memory of Tom Sherwin from Marilyn Sherwin.

Office Closed Julie will be out of the office June 1-6. Please contact Pastor David if you need an appointment during this time.

Elders and Deacons will meet June 8 for their monthly meeting at 4 and 6 pm, respectively. There will be a **Congregational Meeting June 29** to elect two members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee and to approve the entire Nominating Committee slate.

Pentecost Offering is being collected through Pentecost.

VBS is July 7-11. Register today on the church website. Visit our sign-ups VBS Amazon Wishlist: <https://bit.ly/bpcvbs25> Sign Up Genius: <http://bit.ly/vbsfood25>

The Christian Care Committee will meet after worship on June 1. Anyone interested in Bethesda missions including: Food Pantry, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity or No Child Left Behind, please plan to attend. All are welcome.

The Kids' Sunday School Classes and the Parlor Class are on break for the summer. There will be **NO Nursery** during the Sunday School hour over summer break. There will be nursery available during worship.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfasts will be on hiatus through the summer. Breakfasts will resume September 14th.

Last Week's Numbers

<i>Worship Attendance</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>Offering Collected</i>	<i>\$7,115</i>
<i>Sunday School Attendance</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Weekly Total Needed to Make Budget</i>	<i>\$8,000</i>

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 Jenny Rudisill
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)

Andrea (friend of Rebecca Dunn)
Jenny Abbot
David and Patsy Bailey (friends of Bethesda)
June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)
Kiante Bullard (friend of Bethesda)
Robert Burns (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)
The Foils Family
Mark Galyean (friend of Faith Church)
Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)
Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)
April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)
Cliff Hammond (friend of Bethesda)
June Hampton (sister of Joyce Robinson)
Brittany Hardison (Terry Hardison's daughter)
Morgan Hill (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)
Kam and Mary Kathryn Hurst (friends of Bethesda)
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)
Neil McKenzie (friend of Jane and Rick McInnis)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
Judy Melendez (friends of Nancy Dearborn)
Matt Morgan (friend of Sue and Dan Wiener)

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)
 Terry Porter (friend of Judy Heffner)
 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)
 Michael Stugard (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)
 Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
 Kelly Sutton (niece of Joyce Robinson)
 Angie and Abby Underhill (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)
 Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
 Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)
 Jessica White (Person from the Community)

June Birthdays

1	Michelle Martin	18	Christian Crumpton
	Mia Smithson	19	David McNeill
2	Bailey Pages Gaspari	21	Jim Donathan
4	Elias Ough	25	Peggy Jones
8	John McInnis	28	Julie Formanski
11	Sandy McLaughlin		Kara Patton
14	Elizabeth Wilson	29	Cynthia Leach
15	Doug Lawrie		Lori DeSpain
	Harper Jessup		



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