



EASTER
BRINGS

HOPE

“In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ...”

1 Peter 1:3

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

April 12, 2026 11 o'clock

Second Sunday of Easter Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

*The Strife is O'er
Bringing in the Light of Christ*

G.P. de Palestrina

†Call to Worship

based on Psalm 16

Leader: Come, beloved of God—step into the safety of His presence.

People: Our hearts rest secure, for every good gift comes from His hand.

Leader: The Lord is our portion, our cup overflowing with grace.

People: We will not be shaken, for He is always with us.

All: In His presence, there is fullness of joy; at His right hand, pleasures forevermore. Let us worship the Lord!

†Hymn #250

In the Bulb there is a Flower

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord God Almighty, you have revealed the depth of your love to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, and yet we have failed to love you, enjoying your blessings without thanksgiving, and knowing your commandments without obedience. Pardon us of our sin, Lord, and pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may live for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

†Assurance of Pardon

†Sharing of the Peace

† Congregational 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. (2x)*

Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 16

Anthem

Amazing Grace

Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-23

Sermon

"When it was Evening"

† Hymn #240

Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

† Affirmation of Faith

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.

(**Sheol* or place of the dead; see Psalm 16:10)

**In this context, the word catholic is defined as the universal Christian church)

† Prayers of the People

Offering & Offertory

Lord's My Shepherd

Irvine

† Offering Response Hymn #606

Doxology

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

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

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 #245 v.1-3**

Christ the Lord is Risen

† **Charge and Benediction**

† **Benediction Response Hymn #245 v.4**

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful

Hustad

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

The Flower Chart is in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday.

Red Cross Blood Drive April 27 from 9:30am -2:30 pm on the Red Cross Bus in our church parking lot. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code BPC to register to donate today!



ABERDEEN LIONS CLUB

BAR-B-Q

Cooked 14 Hours Over Hickory and Charcoal

Or

BBQ Chicken Plate

Plate comes with slaw, baked beans and roll

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Aberdeen Lake Park

11:00am – 6:00pm

\$12.00 each

Call/Text (910) 506-9355 To Place Delivery Order

We Will Deliver 10 or More Plates

Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance: 205

Sunday School: 39

End of February Financial Report

	MTD	YTD
Giving	\$32,432	\$55,018
Expenses	(\$39,109)	(\$70,228)
Loss	(\$6,676)	(\$15,210)

April Birthdays

1	Mary Katherine White		Isabella Motes
6	Kim Clark	20	Joe Gradzewicz
10	David Henry Priddy	23	Eleanor Hamme
12	Elena Roth		Nancy Clark
14	Leslie Champion	24	Cookie Crowley
17	Linda Parke	25	Jim Shaffer
19	Natalie Patton	26	Curt Proctor

Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List

Members

Tom and Harriet Mueller Earlene and Larry McLamb Sarah O'Brien
Mary Lawrie Peggy Jones Jim Thomas Lisa McDonald
Mary Ann Ward Doreen Wicker Frankie Holt
Andy White The Moon Family Ashtyn Adams Kay Mack
Betty Lou Stewart Shaw Ray

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Kitty Kuzminski Nancy Clark
Jackson Smith
Sara Swartout Karen Robertson

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

Andrea (friend of Rebecca Dunn)
Jenny Abbot
David Bailey and family (friends of Bethesda)
June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)
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)
Tommy Crane (Vance Crane's son)
Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)
Stephanie Dutton (friend of Laura Hill)
Lisa Eaton (Ann Woodfield's daughter)
Keith Gaines (relative of Pastor and Mrs. Mueller)
Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)
April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)
Melissa Griffith (friend of Amy Hand)
Cliff Hammond (friend of Bethesda)
June Hampton (Joyce Robinson's sister)

Morgan Hill (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Harold and Mary Ann Hogan (Henry's Parents)
Isiah Huffman (friend 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)
Michelle Marley (friend of Richard and Jane McInnis)
David McLenden (friend of Judy Heffner)
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)
LJ McNeill (friend of Rebecca Dunn)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
Judy Melendez (friend 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)
John and Sue Pfisterer (friend of Dan and Sue Wiener)
Jan Phillips (Julie Formanski's mother)
Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)
Tom Pinkston (Gloria Crane's son)
Terry Porter (friend of Judy Heffner)
Brittany Ransdell and family (daughter-in-law of Jim and Kristy)
Alexander Deaton Riley (Great-grandson of Kitty Kuzminski)
Mark Simmons (friend of Rick and Lisa Noyes)
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
Chad Stambaugh (Carolyn Moore's Nephew)
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
Buddy Vandiver (Rick Noyes' Uncle)
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)

