



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

**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

May 24, 2026 11 o'clock ~ Pentecost Sunday

## Gathering Music

## Welcome and Announcements

## A Minute for Mission and Evangelism

## Prayer for Memorial Day

## Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**     *America the beautiful* with *Dvorak's New World Symphony*

Ham

~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

## †Call to Worship

based on Psalm 104:24-34

Leader: O Lord, your works are many and filled with wisdom.

**People: We gather to praise you for the life you give to all creation.**

Leader: You send forth your Spirit, and the world is renewed.

**People: Renew us today with your presence and your joy.**

Leader: May our praise be pleasing to you, O God.

**ALL: We will bless the Lord as long as we live.**

## †Hymn #279

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

## †Call to Confession

## †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

† 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)*

Faith Weaving Friends

*Pass It On*

Kaiser

Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Pg 722 in the front of your pew Bible

Anthem

*Song of Pentecost*

Raney

*Today's anthem of Pentecost, as explained by the composer:*

*Mr. Raney states that the smooth-flowing melody sung at the beginning is the  
wind, and the syncopated chorus is the fire.*

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pg 119 in the back of your pew Bible

Sermon

*"The Spirit from Heaven"*

Pastoral Prayers

† Hymn #286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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)

**†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 #289 v1-3** *On Pentecost They Gathered*

**†Charge and Benediction**

**†Benediction Response Hymn #289 v4**

**Postlude**

*On Eagles Wings*

Jonas

† Please stand as you are able.

**Announcements**

**Flowers today** are given to the glory of God with thanksgiving for our parents, Jack and Duke Crane, and Al and Christine Cruce, from Gloria and Vance Crane.

Today is Pentecost Sunday. It is also our Mission/Evangelism Sunday. We will take up a Special Offering for our Missions and Local Benevolences. Please stay for lunch to hear about the many ways Bethesda is supporting local, national, and global missions.

**Sonshine Club** will meet on Tuesday, May 26, at 11:30 am at Smithfields. Let the office know if you plan to attend.

The **Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills** is holding its 17<sup>th</sup> annual **Blueberry Sale** to benefit programs for children in Moore County and beyond. The cost is \$36 per flat, which includes 12 1-pint cartons. Order at <https://kiwanisofthesandhills.org> for pickup at Aberdeen Lake Park, June 5 or 6.

Next Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, will be the last time breakfast is served on Sunday mornings. There will be a hiatus during the summer, with breakfast returning on Rally Day in the Fall. Sunday school for Young Adults and Children is on summer hiatus.

Funeral services for Jackson Smith will be held at Bethesda at 2 pm on May 31. There will be a visitation from 1-2 pm prior to the service in the sanctuary.

**Congratulations to all our College Graduates! We will recognize them on Youth Sunday, June 7. Please send details of their graduation to the church email.**

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

### VBS is July 6-10.

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

Here is the link to the Amazon wish list for VBS: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/T104F7HH0SIH?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/T104F7HH0SIH?ref_=wl_share)

Here is the link to the sign-up genius for VBS food donations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BA5AA28A7FCC25-64020129-bethesda#/>

### Last Week's Numbers

	<i>Worship Attendance: 116</i>	<i>Sunday School: 54</i>
	April	YTD
Revenues	\$25,271	\$120,584
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(\$29,809)</u>	<u>(\$142,497)</u>
Deficit	(\$4,538)	(\$21,913)

### May Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|--------------|
| 24 | Jean Snively     | 29 | Sam Smithson |
| 26 | Trinity Andersen | 30 | Mike Pace    |
| 28 | David Keith      |    |              |

## **Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List**

### **Members**

Tom and Harriet Mueller   Earlene and Larry McLamb   Hester Combs  
Mary Lawrie   Peggy Jones   Jim Thomas  
Mary Ann Ward   Frankie Holt   Andy White   The Moon Family  
Ashtyn Adams   Betty Lou Stewart   Shaw Ray   Family of Jackson Smith

### **Members in Facilities**

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

### **Members to Keep in Prayer**

Kitty Kuzminski   Nancy Clark  
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)  
Family of Nellie Dean (Granny of Brittney James and Addison Painter)  
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)  
David and Peter McLenden (friends of Judy Heffner)  
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)  
Jan Phillips (Julie Formanski's mother)  
Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)  
Tom Pinkston (Gloria Crane's son)  
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)  
Avalene Wright (daughter of Becky and Brian Wright)

## Bethesda Officers

### **Elder of the Month for May is Janet Peele**

#### **Elders:**

Class of 2026: Davis Clark, Craig Fogleman, Laura Hill

Class of 2027: Leslie Champion, Marsha Southers, Ron Schuch, Jamie Clarke

Class of 2028: Kristy Ransdell, Nancy High, Janet Peele

#### **Deacons**

Class of 2026: Jane McInnis, Terry Hardison, Carolyn Moore, Pat McLaughlin

Class of 2027: Curt Proctor, Kelly Clark, Jane Long, Susan McNeill

Class of 2028: David Keith, Grant Martin, Christi Conley, Sherry Wright,  
Jesse Andersen - Youth

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