



*Fifth Sunday
of Easter*

**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 3, 2026 11 o'clock

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Holy Communion

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

O Word of God Incarnate
~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

Broughton

†Call to Worship

from Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: In you I trust, O my God.

Leader: Show me your way, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Guide me in your truth and teach me,

Leader: For you are God my Savior,

ALL: and my hope is in you all day long.

†Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

†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 1

Anthem

Heaven Came Down

Peterson

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Sermon

“On the Way”

Rev. Kathryn Dudley

†Hymn #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

†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 in unity 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)

Offering & Offertory

In the Upper Room

Broughton

†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.*

†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

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

Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Prayer after Communion

†Closing Hymn #707 v1-3

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

†Charge and Benediction

†Benediction Response Hymn #707 v4

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible

Welsh Melody

† Please stand as you are able.

Rev. Kathryn Dudley is a member of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina who retired in 2021 after serving five churches in Lee and Moore counties as interim minister. She continues to preach occasionally, serves two churches as Moderator of Session, and volunteers as a reading partner in a local school. She enjoys family life, especially her 10-year-old granddaughter Katie, who shares her love of reading and her organizational skills. Kathryn's husband, David, is also a retired Presbyterian minister.

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Betty Pope's birthday from Bill and Linda Parke.

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Jackson Smith. Jack was a longtime member of Bethesda who passed away Sunday, April 26. Funeral arrangements will be announced in the coming weeks.

Family Fun Night is tonight from 5-6:30 pm for families with kids preK-5th grade.

Men of the Church will meet on Tuesday, May 5, from 6-7:30 pm at the house of Jacques Wood, 250 Forest Ridge Lane, Foxfire Village. The lesson has been emailed. If you need a hard copy, there are some in the office. Please let Jacque know if you will be attending 843.816.3981

Bethesda is scheduled to volunteer with **Family Promise of Moore County** (our local shelter for homeless women and children) May 11th through 14th. Contact LoJuanna Pages if you would like to volunteer to stay overnight or provide a dinner.

The Flower Chart is in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday. The Priddy Family is on vacation for the next couple of weeks. Contact Julie at the office or May Elder of the Month Janet Peele, with any issues or concerns.

VBS is July 6-10.

REGISTER NOW:

<https://bethesdapres.church>



Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance: 125 Sunday School: 54

End of March Financial Report

	March	YTD
Revenues	\$40,294	\$95,312
Expenses	(\$42,459)	(\$112,687)
Deficit	(\$2,165)	(\$17,375)

May Birthdays

1 Dell Crumpton
Dean McNeill
2 Kitty Kuzminski

Ian Blue
Mary Lawrie
7 Michael Bean

Paula Cadell
10 Logan Cunningham
11 Georgia Proctor
Ron Schuch
12 Tammy Clarke
14 Tom Blue
15 Amelia Driggers
17 Mary Wilkinson
19 Jakob Gorba

21 Lisa McDonald
23 Jimmy Gorba
24 Jean Snively
26 Trinity Andersen
28 Jackson Smith
David Keith
29 Sam Smithson
30 Mike Pace

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 Pat McLaughlin **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)
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)
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)
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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Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon

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