

FOR SUCH A TIME AS
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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

July 5, 2026, 11 o'clock

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Ordinary Time – Communion Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

America the Beautiful

Kim Clark, French Horn

~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

†Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 45:10-17

Leader: From generation to generation, THE LORD GOD will be praised.

**People: We join our voices with all who worship THE LORD,
proclaiming His glory forever.**

Leader: Come—let us worship the One who calls us beloved.

People: With thankful hearts, we worship and adore our King.

†Hymn #662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession

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

Esther 2:1-18

Pg 445 in the front of your pew Bible

Sermon

“Esther 2”

† Hymn #192

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

† 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

Slane

Manz

† 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 #65 v1-2 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

†Charge and Benediction

†Benediction Response Hymn #65 v3

Postlude

Moderato Maestoso

Nordman

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of the 250th anniversary of the birth of our Nation from Jim and Kristy Ransdell.

Prayers and Sympathy to the families of Hugh Joyce and Jere McKeithen, who both recently passed away. Details of arrangements will be sent out once received.

Family Promise: our next opportunity to serve Family Promise is July 27th through July 30th. Please contact LoJuanna if you'd like to help! If you are unable to stay overnight or provide a meal, perhaps you could donate some supplies. Items needed at this time are Pine Sol or Mr.Clean floor cleaner, and white waterproof shower curtain liners, size 72 x 72 and 72 x 78. Shower curtain hoops for hanging. Leave in the narthex or church office. Thank you.

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

VBS is for all ages. There will be an adult Bible Study led by Kay Mack following dinner each night in the parlor. The study will be based on Jeremiah 29:11 and will look at a different person from Scripture each session who God used in mighty ways. Register to join us!

VBS is July 6-10.

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

- VBS Amazon Wish List: <https://bit.ly/2026vbswish>
- VBS Sign Up Genius: <https://bit.ly/vbsFOOD>
- VBS Volunteer Training: <https://bit.ly/vbsvolunteer2026>

Last Week's Numbers

<i>Worship Attendance:</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>Sunday School:</i>	<i>19</i>
	May	YTD	
Revenues	\$38,041	\$158,624	
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>(\$32,765)</u>	<u>(\$175,261)</u>	
Net	\$5,276	(\$16,637)	

July Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 Sarah DeSpain | | Hannah Ough |
| 2 Amy Hand | 17 | Cathy White |
| 3 Somer Lee | 18 | Laura Hill |
| 7 Evelyn Patton | 20 | LoJuanna Pages |
| 8 Terry Carpenter | | Bill Ficklin |
| 12 Jacques Wood | 24 | Doug Williams |
| 13 Cullen Martin | 25 | Sharon Fogleman |
| 15 Rick Noyes | | Leah Proctor |

27 Taylor Wynn
28 Molly McCain
Reggie Smith

29 Sadie Ransdell
Susan McNeill

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
Sherry Wright Robert Maloubier Ann Frank

Members in Facilities

Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Kitty Kuzminski Nancy Clark
Sara Swartout Karen Robertson

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

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)
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)
Morgan Hill (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Harold and Mary Ann Hogan (Henry's Parents)
Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)
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)
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 July is Craig Fogleman

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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