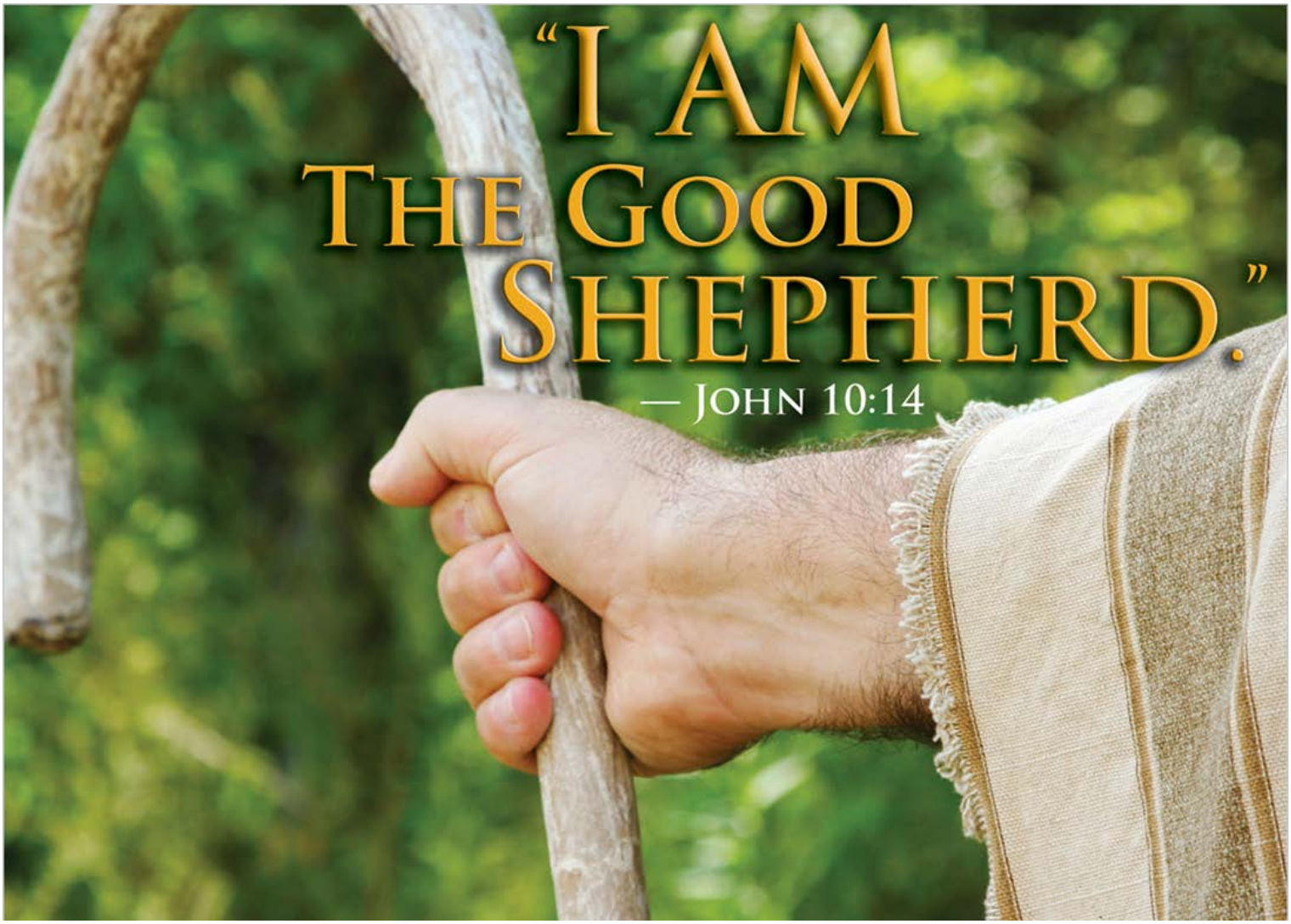


Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Aberdeen, North Carolina
Founded 1788

"Glorifying God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through love, faith, prayer, and service."

Service for the Lord's Day

November 15, 2026, 11 o'clock

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music
Welcome and Announcements
Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude *The Ninety and Nine* Lorenz

~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

†Call to Worship Based on Psalm 123

Leader: We lift our eyes to You, O Lord.
People: Our help and our hope are in You.
Leader: Have mercy on us, Lord.
People: Show us Your steadfast love.
Leader: We come to worship You.
People: Our eyes are fixed on You forever.

†Hymn #802 v1-3 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

†Call to Confession
†Prayer of Confession

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)

Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading Psalm 95:1-7

Pg 550 in the front of your pew Bible

Anthem *Love Grows Here* Besig

Gospel Reading John 10:1-18

Pg 103 in the back of your pew Bible

Sermon Pastor Thomas Simpson

†Hymn 802 v4-6 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

†Affirmation of Faith The 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.

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

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

Offering & Offertory *The Lord's My Shepherd* Hustad

†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.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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 #542 v1-3 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

†Charge and Benediction
†Benediction Response Hymn #542 v4

Postlude *Trumpet Tune* German

† Please stand as you are able.

Thank you to Pastor Thomas Simpson for preaching and leading worship today. Thomas is a retired elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church, NC Annual Conference. He earned his MDiv from Duke University in 2000. He is a second-career pastor. Rev. Simpson has received additional training through the years as a leadership and congregational development coach; he retired after 30 years of service. Thomas was raised Presbyterian and grew up in Pocket Presbyterian in Sanford. In 1981, he married Sharon Troutman and transferred his membership to Page Memorial in Aberdeen. He and Sharon have two daughters, Sydney, who lives in 7 Lakes, and Erin Pearce, who lives with her husband, Jonathon, in Knightdale. They have two grandsons, Waylon and Glenn. Sharon's father was Albert Troutman, Jr. They currently live on the farm he spent his life developing.

Announcements

Community Thanksgiving Luncheon next planning meeting is today after worship in the Wimberly Room. We still need volunteers in the days leading up to and on Thanksgiving Day. Contact Leslie Champion or Laura Byers for more details. We especially need people to sign up for sweet potatoes and mashed potatoes. Pans will be distributed after worship. Go to the church website or see your email to sign up today.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving remembrance of our mother, Edna Donathan, from Doreen, Sue, and Jim.

Bethesda's Presbyterian Women Auction is today at 2pm. Proceeds go to the Heritage Room.

Children's Choir rehearsals for the holiday season began today. They will meet Sundays at 9 am in the choir room. If your child is interested in participating, please speak to Earlene.

Local Students in Need: Please consider giving to our fund for local schools to help kids have a Christmas. Checks can be made payable to Bethesda with the memo line Christmas Kids. We are also still collecting sweatshirts and coats for middle and high school students in need.

Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance:145
Sunday School:65

	September	YTD
Revenues	$28,194	$299,763
Expenses	($39,791)	($312,721)
Deficit	($11,597)	($12,958

November Birthdays

16 Lee Miller
Ann Litton
17 Christi Conley
20 Isabelle Ough
21 Nate Ardinger
22 Cathy Carpenter
24 Kay Mack
25 Richard McInnis
26 Chrissy Excell
27 Mason Roth
Natalie Clark
29 Debbie Pace
30 Betsy Mofield
Sadie Proctor
Caroline Motes

Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List

Members

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

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)

Ron Anderson (Earlene's nephew)
David Bailey and family (friends of Bethesda)
June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)
Cathy and Robert Burns (friends of Bethesda)
David Cade (friend of Paula Caddell)
Tommy Crane (Vance Crane's son)
Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)
Brian Durante
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)
Josh Gibbs (friend of Paula Caddell)
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)
Glenn Miller (friend of Rick and Jane McInnis)
Carol and Alan Monroe (friends of Bethesda)
Kacey McDonald (cousin of Al McDonald)
Sarah McDonald (daughter 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)
Teresa McLeod (Becky Brown's sister-in-law)
Judy Melendez (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Matt Morgan (friend of Sue and Dan Wiener)
Sharon Murphy (friend of Bethesda and Faith)
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)
Doug Schuch (son of Connie and Ron)
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 November is Jamie Clarke

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, Brittany Driggers
Class of 2029: Davis Clark, Franke McNeill, LoJuanna Pages, Doug Williams

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
Class of 2029: Kristin Adams, Teresa Numbers, Nate Patton, Marilyn Sherwin
Evelyn Patton - Youth

Nominating Committee 2027

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Pat McLaughlin, Rick Noyes, Jesse Andersen

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