ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  
October 8, 2017 – 9:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Prelude
Gathering Hymn No. 139  
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!  
(Please sing the first verse only)

*Moment for Greeting
Welcome Visitors
Announcements and Emphases

Preparing for Worship
(Let the Congregation prepare for worship with silent prayer.)

Organ Meditation
Choral Introit
O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

*Call to Worship
Leader:  O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  Who may dwell on your holy hill?
People:  Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right; and speak truth from their heart.
Leader:  Those who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends.
People:  Those who do these things will never be moved.
Leader:  Let us worship God!

*Gathering Prayer
*Hymn of Praise No. 407  
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Worship of God

Call to Confession
Moment for Silent Reflection
Prayer of Confession (Unison)

It is our desire to do your will, O God; your law is written on our hearts. But as the pressures of life press down upon us; when iniquities overtake us, our sight fails. When we are tempted by the vain promises of a life full of ease, our courage forsakes us and we submit to their charm. When enemies overpower us and mock our faith, we shrink back in disgrace and abandon what Christ has taught. O Lord, we are poor and in need. You are our help and our salvation. Forgive us, uphold us and strengthen us in our daily walk.

Amen

Litanies of Assurance
Leader:  God has redeemed many from bondage. Shall we not trust that God will save us too?
People:  God vindicates us and offers us prosperity that is not based on worldly standards.
Leader:  God calls us to a new life of justice, kindness, and humility, of meekness, mercy and peacemaking.
People:  We are blessed and forgiven, let us rejoice and be glad!

*Glória Patri

Time for Young Disciples
Children 3K-2nd grade may leave for the Children’s Worship Service during the 11:15 service. McArn Building, Room 40

*Congregational Hymn No. 195  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
Invitation
Offertory Anthem  
Sanctus  
The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
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Leader:  These are the words of God for the people of God.
People:  Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon
“The Fool on the Hill”  
Rev. John Hallman

*Apostles’ Creed

(9:00AM)

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In Memoriam - Dedication of the cross given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Irene Mangum Gettys by her family. (11:15AM)

*Hymn of Departure

Lift High The Cross

*The Benediction

*The Greeting of Peace
Leader:  May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People:  And also with you.

*Postlude

** Those who are able will please stand.

The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of J.W. Martin and in honor of Mary Martin.

Welcome Visitors and Guests. We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us.

A Nursery for small children is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Room 38.
SUNDAY
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:15 AM Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship
11:15 AM Worship Service
5:30 PM Youth
MONDAY
9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study
7:00 PM Session Meeting
TUESDAY
10:30 AM PW Circle 2
2:30 PM PW Circle 1
7:00 PM Youth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY
3:15 PM Pioneer/Choir Plus+
5:45 PM Supper
7:00 PM Adult Choir
FRIDAY
10:00 PM 5th Quarter

GREETER CAPTAIN: 9:00 AM Ian Wilcox  11:15 AM Jan Marsh
USHER CAPTAIN: 9:00 AM John Stephenson  11:15 AM Lindsay Guy

PRAYER CONCERNS:
MEMBERS:  Bill Ford, Walter Barron, Ruth Anne Pullum, Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair
FRIENDS AND FAMILY:  Lou Beth Kelly (Jody’s mother), Jim Holmes (friend of Serena Ogbum), Betty Whitman (Debbie Herman’s mother), Kathy Dukes (John Thomas’ sister), Connie Woodham (friend of Jim and Jo McLeod), Robin Brittain (Debbie Herman’s sister), Amelia Berry (Steve Jones’ aunt), John Dinlocker (son-in-law of the Roberts, deployed to Kuwait), Collins Watts (child – friend of Prestages), Amy Mulvaney (friend of Susan Coble), Mary Rudolf (Ian Wilcox’s grandmother), Gary and Lyn Eynegam (Betsy McLeod’s brother & sister-in-law), Bruce Quantullo (nephew of Bob & Pat Clithero), Cal Mitchell (friend of the Parrott’s), Margaret Kelley (friend of Elizabeth Shaw), Virgil Prince (Nancy Tucker’s father), Thomas Marion McLeod (Darlene Maxwell’s brother), Debra Taylor, Family of Jimmy Lee, Lynn and Red Smith, Dorothy Giarno (Helen White’s sister), Lowell Bushong (Helen White’s brother), Pam Roy (friend of the Cottingham’s), Bobby Stanley (Jerry & Kathleen Hughes’ brother-in-law)

GUEST MUSICIAN:  Our guest musician today is Alyssa Robinson. She and her husband Spencer live in Elgin. We welcome her and thank her for her contribution to our worship service today.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO  Lyn Bradley on the death of her sister and to Merry Bradley on the death of her brother.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
The Health Cabinet will offer blood pressure screenings and a display for cancer awareness.

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Budget YTD  $404,718
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BETHESDA EPIC YOUTH
Youth will meet today at 4:00pm to go to the McLeod Farms Corn Maze. We will return at 7:30pm. Bring $10 for the corn maze and $10 for food. Reserve your spot for Judgement House on October 15! Only 25 spots available.

CROSS DEDICATION
After the recent interior renovations you may have noticed the cross that hangs on the wall behind the pulpit. It was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Irene Gettys by her family. Many of you will remember Irene as one of the tireless workers and faithful members of Bethesda. She served several times on Session, sang in the choir, chaired numerous committees and was active in our Presbyterian Women’s Organization. Today we will dedicate this cross during the 11:15AM service. A number of her family members will be attending, so it will be a great time to not only recognize the contributions that Irene made to Bethesda, but also see old friends.

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The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)
Each newborn servant of the Crucified
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O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
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**DIMES for HUNGER**

$944.70 as Sunday School Classes and over $1,800 as a church.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to our 1st – 2nd grade class in our “Junior Age Division” and to the Reader’s Class in the “Senior Age Division” (Winning classes based on average giving per member).

Both Sunday School classes will have a donut party during Sunday School next Sunday morning as their reward! ☺ Great job to every Sunday School Class! Many hungry people will be fed because of your gracious and generous giving.

**FALL FESTIVAL**

*Wednesday, October 25*

Supper served at 5:45pm

Cost: Adults: $5, Children 12 & under: $3, and under 3 FREE

Hayrides, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Fun & Games begin at 6:15pm

Dress in your favorite Costumes!

Trunk or Treat in the lower parking lot behind the Little Theatre.

A trophy will be awarded to the best decorated vehicle.

EVERYONE is invited – Children from Pioneer Clubs & Choir Plus and Bethesda Christian School please join us!

**HELP NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!**

We need volunteers to open up the back of their vehicles, decorate them, and hand out candy to the children.

**HELP NEEDED FOR CAKE WALK!**

We need volunteers to bake (or just bring) cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, pies, etc. to hand out during our CAKE WALK game.

You can bring your “goody” by the church office Tues., Oct 24th or Wed., Oct 25th.

**CANDY NEEDED!**

We need lots of candy for volunteers to hand out to the children as prizes when they play the games. If you can bring a bag of candy with you to church and place in the bins located near Brent’s office.

**PRAYER**

**PSALM 84 (Selected verses)**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD.

People: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Leader: Blessed are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

Leader: A day in the courts of the Lord is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Unison: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of the wicked. O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you. Amen.

**FAMILY REFLECTIONS: Mrs. Rainey G. Scrocco**

**PRAYER**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Irene Mangum Gettys
January 1, 1919 - March 29, 2015