

Order For the Public Worship of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. John 1:1

* If you are able, please stand in body or spirit for these acts of worship.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Brent Kendall

ORGAN PRELUDE “Fanfare” Mark Ottestad

CHORAL INTROIT “Great and Marvelous are Thy Works” Dickinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP John 15:4-5, 9-10(CSB)

Leader: Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

People: I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. . . . As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love.

Leader: If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

People: I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 515
“God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Prayer adapted from Psalm 4
Answer me when I call to You, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. How long will humanity turn Your glory into shame? How long will Your people love delusions and seek false gods? In my anger I have sinned; though You continue to search my heart for love. Forgive me, O Lord, and help me to follow Your teaching and live a life that is pleasing to You, so that Your face may once again shine upon me. Amen.

MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:1-5

Leader: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

People: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Leader: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

People: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end! Amen, Amen

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Ms. Caroline Woolard
(Children 3K through 2nd grade may leave for Children’s Worship Service. McArn Building, Room 40.)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 513 “My Country, Tis of Thee”

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation
Offertory Anthem “America the Beautiful” arr. Beryl Red

*The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:4-11
(NT Page 102, Pew Bible)

Leader: These are the words of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON The Birth of the Lord’s Church Part II:
“The Power of the Holy Spirit and How it Works”
Rev. Mike Kelly

* THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 521 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you!

*POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Bennie and Susan Marshall, Betty Coombs, Mel Pearson, Joe Denton, Charles Cottingham, Helen White, Betty Coffee, Lee Sheorn, Baynard Boykin, Carol Meckstroth, Judy Martin, Dickie Tiller, Jennifer Barfield

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon’s cousin), Clara Fife (Lisa McCaskill’s mother), Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas’), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard’s mother), Barbara Cecil(Carolyn Drake’s sister), Pat Ratteree (Susan Marshall’s mother), Christy Brazell (friend of Karen Lindsay), Patricia McCaskill (Brian McCaskill’s mother), Thomas Johnson (cousin of the Thomas’), Myrtle Jordan (Linda Parnell’s mother), Brian Blick (Lisa Woolards’ cousin), Fannie Bodford (Debbie Herman’s aunt), Diane Alexander (friend of Mike Eddings), Aaron Price (son-in-law of Ken & Sybil Carson), Clint Baxley (Stephanie Batten’s brother), Betty Carges (family friend of Jim & Jo McLeod), Mary Wannamaker Hendrix, Billy Young (Helen Young’s son), Lannie Clayton (Jimmy & Rebecca Stokes’ cousin)

The flowers placed in the sanctuary last Sunday were given in loving memory of Nick and Irene Gettys by their family.

Congregational Calendar & Events

SUNDAY	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
MONDAY	Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day	
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Game Day-BINGO

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School at 9:45am in McArn Hall for all ages. Worship at 11:00am. A nursery will be provided.

GAME DAY

Join us for bingo and prizes! Tuesday, May 30th at 10:00am in McArn Hall. Bring a friend!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- SAVE THE DATE!

June 26-30 – register on our website: www.bethesdapresbyterianchurch.org or call the church office at 803-432-4593. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

WORKDAYS- Mondays from 10am-4pm except May 29th (Memorial Day).

VBS WISHLIST

Paper grocery bags
Empty toilet paper rolls

PRAY FOR OUR VBS

“Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else, you are glorified in our VBS.”

A nursery is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Rm 38



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Welcome to Bethesda

We the people of Bethesda Presbyterian Church extend our cordial greetings to all who are visiting us today. It is our hope that you return and join us for worship and connect with our many daily ministries and activities.

The church sanctuary was designed by Robert Mills, first Federal architect, who also designed the Washington Monument. It stands restored as originally constructed in 1822. It was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service Division of the U.S. Department of Interior in 1985.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Members are its ministers.

The Session

Christian Ed. – John Stephenson '23, Cathy Floyd, Clerk '24, Annah Deal '25
Nurture & Fellowship – Betsy McLeod '23, Fred Myers '24, Joan Corbin '25
Property & Tech – Art Maxwell '23, Cheryl Kelly '24, Andrew Batten '25
Resources & LRP – Marc Jones '24, Roland Windham '24, Larry Gibbes '25
Worship & Evangelism – Ian Wilcox '23, Lindsay Guy '23, Bill Nettles '25

Ministry Staff

Rev. Dr. Mike Kelly, Interim Pastor
Rev. Brent Kendall, Director of Christian Education
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Dickinson, Directors of Music
Mrs. Meghan Wright, Director of Bethesda Christian School
Mr. Johnny Deal, Media Ministry Specialist
Mrs. Lisa Woolard, Moderator, Presbyterian Women
Mr. Tom Hoke, Facilities Manager
Mrs. Clara Fenton, Office Manager
Ms. Holley Ham, Staff Assistant
Ms. Caroline Woolard, Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries
Mrs. Debbie Herman, Faith Community Nurse

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Betty Coombs Art Delperdang
Larry and Joy Parrott Fred and Carol Rogers

For more information or if you have questions, please contact us at:

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm; Friday Closed

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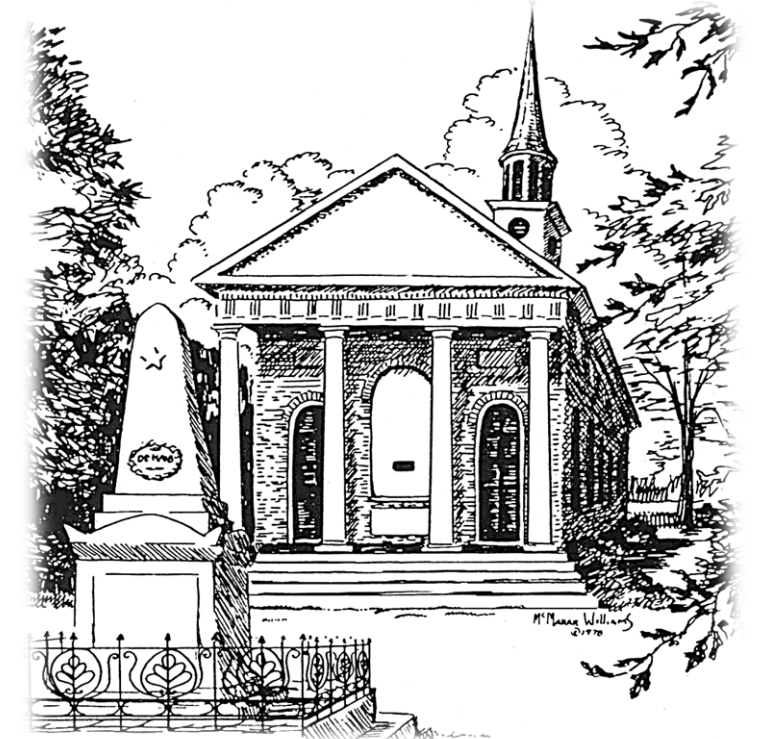
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Camden, South Carolina

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Lord's Day, May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

11:00 AM

Our mission at Bethesda Presbyterian Church:
“To know, love, glorify, and serve our Lord God.”