

Worship on the Lord's Day		
May 19, 2024	Day of Pentecost	Eleven O'clock
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -	PREPARE TO WORSHIP	
PRELUDE	Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart	arr. Cindy Berry
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: Behold, God is doing a new thing. People: Here. Now. In the midst of our routines. Leader: The Holy One who created heaven and earth forms us afresh today. People: Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker.		
*INVOCATION		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Spirit	319
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
God, who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves, as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use, and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but depress them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Oh, God, purify us from sin; lead us to truth; baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God, who is Trinity. Amen.		
-SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION-		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/GLORIA PATRI		
<i>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. A-men A-men.</i>		
*PASSING THE PEACE	The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!	
FIRST READING	Acts 2:1-12	
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES		
TIME FOR THE CHILDREN	Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Congregational Response	
PRAYER RESPONSE		
<i>He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.</i>		

ANTHEM	Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	Mark Sedio
SCRIPTURE READINGS	John 8:12	
SERMON	Felipe Matias	
NEW MEMBERS	Tim and Sue Burns, Darlene Dunlap	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
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.		
THE LORD’S SUPPER		
Invitation Prayer of Thanksgiving Sharing the Bread and Cup Prayer		
GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD’S WORK		
Offertory	Spirit of the Living God	Daniel Iverson
*Doxology <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</i>		
Prayer of Dedication		
*CLOSING HYMN	Open My Eyes that I May See	324
POSTLUDE	Holy Spirit	Katie & Bryan Torwalt
*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
<i>God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels, guide, uphold you. With His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again.</i>		
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*Please stand, if able	Song lyrics printed with permission	CCLI license #2531791
Today we welcome Felipe Matias to the pulpit.		



How Do I Contact My Pastor?
Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta is available in the church office Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. His telephone number for the **Manse is 803-328-9338. His cell phone number is 724-221-4491.** His email address is jdmarotta75@gmail.com and his blog is revmarotta.blogspot.

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

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| Ruth Rawdon | Bill Dover |
| Anita Ferguson Buffolino- cancer surgery | Eddie Allan Smith |
| Frank Allen | Ricky & Debbie Simpson and family |
| Jonathan Lauckner- surgery 10/26/23 | Gene Cornwell (Mack) |
| Margaret Moore | Stacy Meek |
| Hildegard Bell | Janice Meeks (CDC) health issues |
| Cecelia Alexander- knee replacement surgery | Eddie Smith |
| Dorothy Williamson | John Nettles |
| Steve Dickson, Jr. | |

Death- Family and friends of Nancy Clinton 5/15/24 (Drew Hagler’s friend Denny’s wife)

At Bethesda Child Development Center

Cynthia Jackson, Dawn Westmoreland, Esther Bailey, Natalie Ashe, Shelby Ashe, Jamie Baker, Catherine Goodband, Madison Hartis, Emily Hopkins, Janice Meeks

In the Military

Chase Davis, Zoe De Anda, Pierce Dewey, Sabrina Dollar, Sully Foy, Nicholas McAteer, Gage Orr, Michael Wilkerson

In the Community and Beyond

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| Hildegard and Jim Bell’s granddaughter, lupus | Larry Rockholt (Carolyn’s son) |
| Johnny Rockholt (Faye’s son) | Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal’s friend) cancer |
| Rick Stallard (Josh’s father) | Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal’s friends) |
| Rachel Ann Taylor (Pat’s granddaughter) leukemia | Noah Smith, Sr. (Pacia’s dad) Hospice |
| Brittany, Wes & Whitley Teter (Linda’s granddaughter) | Ron Saboley(Jackie’s husband) unable to have surgery |
| Dolores Lynn (Tara’s aunt- Iowa) new heart problem | Penelope Lowder (Rocky’s niece) surgery |
| Dennis Duncan (Debbie Fulmer’s dad) memory issues | Joanne Cox (Debbie Fulmer’s aunt) cancer |
| Dwight Little (cirrhosis liver, stroke)Leslie’s coworker br. | Cheryl Hughes- health issues |
| Tommy Harper (Sarah Childers’ dad) | James David (David Chambers’ grandson) |
| Peggy Neal (JoEllen’s mom) narrowing/blockages | Nikki Thompson (Alberta’s daughter) colon cancer |
| Rose Locklair (Peggy, Faye, Ruth & Mack’s sister) Hospice | |
| Jackie Johnson Saboley (hip surgery) | David (Bobby Fulmer’s friend) awaiting liver transplant |
| Christina Dixon (Shannon’s friend) breast cancer | Janet Osborne- breast cancer |
| Luke Johnson | |

Bethesda Global Mission Partners: The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

MAY USHERS
Cheryl Forlines, Jim Percival, Laura Merritt

<u><i>The BPC Calendar</i></u>		
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	4:00 – 5:30 pm	GriefShare- Ladies’ Parlor
	5:30 pm	Pickleball- Family Life Center
	6:00 pm	Session Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Bible Study- Fellowship Hall
		Matsiko Children’s Choir Arrives
Thursday	10:30 am	CDC Graduation- Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	CDC Chapel- Rev. Marotta- Sanctuary
	3:30 pm	CDC Chapel- Rev. Marotta- CDC
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner/Talent Show- Picnic Shelter
		Sounds of Grace rehearsal

The Spirit, our Advocate, gives power to the community of believers, not to identify themselves as abandoned,, but rather as empowered and sent to bear witness to the world that the unified mission of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit has indeed been completed. “For God sent the Son into the world, not for the purpose of standing in judgment over the world, but in order that through him the world might be saved.” (John 3:17).

WELCOME TO BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN! We are glad you're here. We hope all here will feel at home, strengthened in your faith, and that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him and respond in discipleship. If you have special needs, questions about Bethesda, need assistance, or need nursery services, please see one of our Ushers. If you are a guest who has been attending who is interested in becoming a member, we would love for you to see an Usher to discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of our church. Bethesda is a congregation of the **PCUSA**.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the **glory of God and in celebration of our 42nd wedding anniversary by Jim and Lisa Percival.**

1. Cole Johnston, York Preparatory Academy
2. Lane Russell, South Pointe High School
3. Sidney Russell, Spartanburg Methodist College
4. Mills Sharp, South Pointe High School
5. Josiah Walker, York Comprehensive High School

The **Bethesda CDC is looking for Teacher Assistants for our program**—Applicants must be 18 years old with a high school diploma. Applicants must be available **Monday-Friday** until 5:45. Experience driving a 15 passenger bus for school pickup would be a plus! For more information please contact the daycare at **803-328-0149** and ask for **Cindy or Dawn**.

SESSION

Class of 2024
Alberta Anthony
Mark Boyd
Cheryl Forlines
Johnny Walker

Class of 2025
Debbie Fulmer
Jim Percival
Stacy Russell

Class of 2026
Steve Childers
Laura Merritt
Linda Messer

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer
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On-line
Ministry support

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Esther Bailey
Assistant Adam Cole

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

Morning (First Thursday of the month 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall)..... Carol Hope

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