W	orship on the Lord's Dag	у	ANTHEM	Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling	Mark Sedio
May 19, 2024 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMEN	Day of Pentecost	Eleven O'clock	SCRIPTURE READINGS		John 8:12
			SERMON		Felipe Matias
MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -	PREPARE TO WORSHIP				-
PRELUDE	Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart	arr. Cindy Berry	NEW MEMBERS	Tim ar	nd Sue Burns, Darlene Dunlap
*CALL TO WORSHIP			*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		
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			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.		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Spirit	319	THE LORD'S SUPPER		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION God, who is Three in One, as if we are worthy of worship. We discard. We go to the people of the	we confess that we have turned away from you. e take your creation into our hands, not to love land, not to serve, but depress them into our se	e, but to use, and then to ervice. We do not deserve	Invitation Prayer of Thanksgiving Sharing the Bread and Prayer GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'	Cup	
	ye pray for mercy because you are merciful. Oh on with you. Transform us into faithful disciple		Offertory	S WORK Spirit of the Living God	Daniel Iverson
-SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION- *ASSURANCE OF PARDON/GLORIA PATRI			*Doxology 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.		
			Prayer of Dedic	ation	
	the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost og, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.		*CLOSING HYMN	Open My Eyes that I May See	324
*PASSING THE PEACE	The peace of Christ be with	you. And also with you!	POSTLUDE	Holy Spirit	Katie & Bryan Torwalt
FIRST READING		Acts 2:1–12	*BENEDICTION AND CONGR	EGATIONAL RESPONSE	
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES			God be with you til	II we meet again:	
TIME FOR THE CHILDREN Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta		By His counsels, guide, uphold you. With His sheep securely fold you,			
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LO	DRD'S PRAYER	Congregational Response	God be with you till we meet again.		
PRAYER RESPONSE			*Please stand, if able	Song lyrics printed with permission	CCLI license #2531791
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.			Today we welcome Felipe Matias to the pulpit.		

<u>At Bethesda</u>

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

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

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

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. MAY USHERS Cheryl Forlines, Jim Percival, Laura Merritt

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

May 19, 2024

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).

Life of the Church

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**.

<u>2024 FLOWER CHART</u> is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at **803-328-1360** or **email** <u>bethesda@comporium.net</u> by the previous Tuesday. There will be a plate upfront for people to donate for the **Flower Fund**.

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.

Congratulations to our graduates!

- 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

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

New Members joining today are Sue Burns, Tim Burns and Darlene Dunlap.

GriefShare will meet today at 4:00 pm. This is the last meeting.

Bible Study will meet on Monday at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The last Wednesday Dinner will be on Thursday at 6:30 pm, along with the Talent Show in the Picnic Shelter.

Bethesda's Got Talent is back - **Thursday, May 23**. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the talent show will follow. Dinner and show are in the picnic shelter. The dinner will replace our Wednesday night dinner. If you would like to be a part of the talent show, let Steve Childers know by Sunday, May 19.

Pledge Statements for 4/30/24 have been mailed or placed in the mailboxes in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 803-328-1360 or email <u>bethesda@comporium.net</u>.

The **CE Committee** met and one of our topics on our agenda was the Children's Nursery during church. Our babies/toddlers/young children numbers are growing and this is such a WONDERFUL thing! Due to this need, we now need weekly volunteers to serve in the nursery. Nursery will be provided for those 4 years of age and younger. Volunteers will need to be in the nursery from 10:50 until the end of the service. Please let a CE Committee Member know if you would like to sign up. Thanks!

Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School will be held June 17-20. More information to come.

Registration for **Bethelwoods Summer Camp** is open at Summer Camp - BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER. Please visit our website to see the options for your child(ren) this summer! Contact us at info@bethelwoods.org or 803-366-3722 for scholarships or with questions.

The Session requests that worshipers refrain from bringing beverages into the sanctuary. Bottled water and cough drops are available in the narthex for an emergent need.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen - Covenant Presbyterian Church -Future dates are May 26, August 11, and October 27

Plastic Recycling- We will continue to collect "soft" plastics for our 4th bench.

Sunday Worship is available on the YouTube channel on our website. <u>www.bethesdapres.org</u> Check the Bethesda website for updates, information, and family resources.

Please help replenish our "Blessing Box" and Food Pantry. Suggested items are non-perishable food items - peanut butter, jelly, canned meat or pasta items, spaghetti sauce, pasta, small cereal boxes, etc. A basket is available weekly in the vestibule for donations. There is also a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the Wednesday Night Dinners. These items are used to fill the "Blessing Box", distributed to people who request help through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund, and delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

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 <u>Class of 2025</u> Debbie Fulmer Jim Percival Stacy Russell

Steve Childers Laura Merritt Linda Messer

On-line

Ministry support

Class of 2026

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John Nettles, Clerk of Session



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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