

Worship on the Lord's Day

March 22, 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janie Stallard

Liturgist

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -
PRELUDE

PREPARE TO WORSHIP
People Need the Lord

McHugh & Nelson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God watched over us as we slept last night.

People: **“He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”**

Leader: God was there when we awakened this morning.

People: **“This is the day which the Lord hath made!”**

Leader: God is in this place, in our silence and in our singing, in our prayers and in our preaching.

People: **“Let all that is within me bless His holy name!”**

Liturgist

*INVOCATION

Liturgist

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer!

Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory;

Strength and honor give to His holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children.

In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain: Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;

Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

For our sins He suffered, and bled and died!

He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation.

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified.

Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows;

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong!

(refrain)

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!

Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.

Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious;

Power and glory unto the Lord belong!

(refrain)

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God of sights and sounds and truth and feelings, we praise you for the softness of children's flesh, the feel of grass beneath bare feet, the sweet, fresh smell of spring rain, the abundance of flowers upon the earth, the sense of reverence in a place like this. Receive us now, rich in things yet poor in soul. Embrace us as a parent embraces a little child. Renew us for life in your beautiful world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Let each pray silently)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON/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. A-men A-men.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Ernice Bookout

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

Search me, O God, and know my heart today:

Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me;

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Alan Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Readings

Psalm 46

SERMON

“Our Refuge and Strength”

Rev. Doug Blaikie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

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.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory

It is Well with My Soul

Phillip Bliss

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

Trust and Obey

see insert

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father,

And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us

Forever and ever, forevermore. AMEN

*POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter

**Please stand, if able*

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Closing Hymn

Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

Trust and obey, For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sign nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey.
(repeat refrain)

3. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toll He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross
But is blest if we trust and obey.
(repeat refrain)

4. But we never can prove The delights of His love
Until all on the alter we lay;
For the favor He shows And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey.
(repeat refrain)

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

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| Michelle Melton (pray her seizures would ease) | Steve Rawdon (Ruth's husband) |
| Bill Dover | Ethan Hose |
| Sonny Moore | Ruth Rawdon, back surgery |
| Edith Gordon | Mike Percival |
| Eddie Alan Smith | Anita Ferguson Buffolino |
| Nancy M. Smith (foot ulcer) | Carolyn Rockholt (knee replacement surgery) |
| James Anthony, Jr., kidney surgery 3-4-20 | |

Homebound: Amelia Simmers, Robert Jones (Brookdale- Spring Arbor)

Deaths: Family and Friends of Eddie Gregory, 3-3-20 (Cecelia's brother-in-law)
Family and Friends of Tina Myrick, 3-7-20 (friend of Kelly Williamson)
Family and Friends of Edith Gordon, 3-17-20

In the Community and Beyond

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| Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son) | Christine Roberts |
| Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law) | Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus |
| Chris Brackett- cancer | Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS
"Leggs" |
| Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer | Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother) |
| Randy Ransom | Casey Lane (Nancy Smith's nephew) dialysis |
| Future Wade (Alberta Anthony's great nephew) | Dugan Meredith- t-cell lymphoma |
| Ellen and Kenny Green | Karen Rescigno (Donna Hagler's cousin) breast cancer |
| Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover's son-in-law) | Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister) |
| Paul Short (Lindy's father) | Russ Branch (Dorothy Williamson's great nephew) |
| Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother) cancer | Mattie Thomas (granddaughter of Jim Percival's cousin) |
| Mary Parkman (Walkers' friend) stomach cancer | |
| Jeremiah Pope (Robert Feller's niece's husband) in burn center | |
| Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter) T-Cell Large Granular Lymphocytic Leukemia | |
| Katie & Matt McCoy (Jim & Lisa Percival's daughter) expecting twins (test shows 1 has heart problem) | |
| Tommy Ligon (Carol Hope's cousin) stroke | Mike Bender (David's father) |
| Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law) cancer | |
| Hannah & Daniel Taylor (Pat's daughter) expecting 4-17 and she is on bedrest | |

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Rebecca Simpson, Debbie Darby, Grayson Darby

NEXT SUNDAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Rebecca Simpson, LouAnne Hildebrand, Kylee Rockholt

MARCH USHERS

Stacy Russell, Debbie Simpson, Linda Messer

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Sunday School Worship Pickle ball- Family Life Center
Monday	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Chimes- Ladies' Parlor Boy Scouts- Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts- Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner- Fellowship Hall Choir- Music Room
Thursday	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Mobile Food Pantry- Faith Presbyterian Church, Indian Land Thursday Bible Study- Fellowship Hall
Friday- Sunday		Family Life Center Closed- Floors waxed

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, or need Nursery assistance for children, 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**.

2020 FLOWER CHART: Flower chart is in the Sunday School building- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in bulletin on that Sunday, notify secretary, Pat Jones, at 328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net by previous Tuesday.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the **Glory of God and in memory of Betty and Jack Blaikie and Luke and Frances Gunter by Doug and Jean Blaikie.**

Thank you note from Pat Jones' daughter

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for the pink and white baby blanket that you made. It is so beautiful. Thank you for your prayers and for thinking of us. **Thanks again, Daniel and Hannah Jones Taylor**

Thank you note

The Percival family would like to thank the wonderful people at Bethesda for the cards, calls, and kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this difficult time. Your support at this time was much appreciated and a great comfort to our family. We sincerely love each and every one of you!!! **Jim and Lisa Percival**

Time, Talents and Treasures packages are available in the vestibule.

Next Sunday, March 29 is a collection day for **PATH**. Please bring non-perishable food and/or hygiene items.

Access to the Sunday School Building

The two outside doors of the Sunday School Building will be locked during worship for security reasons. Anyone needing access to the building through these doors during worship is welcome to ask one of the Elders on Duty to provide entry.

Christian Education

The youth will meet on **March 29th** in the Fellowship Hall. Grades 3-5 will meet from 3:00-4:30 and Grades 6-12 will meet from 4:00 -5:30.

Both groups will have snack time between 4:00-4:30. We will be practicing social distancing, with extra precautions.

PW Spiritual Retreat at Bethesda to be determined.

Bethesda's Food Pantry

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Food Pantry! The purpose of the pantry is to provide basic food or hygiene items for individuals or families that are experiencing a serious financial hardship due to unemployment or other dire situations. They are unable to provide adequate and nutritional meals for themselves or families at the time the request is made. The pantry is stocked by the donations of the congregation or other generous persons. Donations of non-perishable foods, paper products, personal hygiene items, cash, or gift cards from a specific grocery store (other than Wal-Mart) are welcomed. They may be brought to church on any Sunday or can be dropped off in the church office Monday – Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

To request a box of items from the Pantry, you may contact Pat Jones in the church office (328-1360), the pastor, or Edie Nettles (803-684-2759 or jnets@bellsouth.net).

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Site for March 2020

Thursday, March 26: 9:00 am- Faith Presbyterian Church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy., Indian Land. Volunteers are asked to come at 8:00 am. Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging 803-329-9670.

Sharing our passion for Christ in the neighborhood and the world: **Bethesda sermons are now available on YouTube.** Follow the link from the Bethesda Website (bethesdapres.org) to the Bethesda YouTube channel. While there subscribe to the channel and share this link with others. Over the next few months we will also be adding more content to share our passion for Christ.

How Do I Contact My Pastor? Rev. Blaikie is available in the church office Tuesday – Friday between 9:00 am – Noon. Otherwise, you may contact him on one of the phones shown below:

Church office (803) 328-1360

Manse (803) 329-6441

New Cell Phone (803) 833-2015

SESSION

Class of 2020

Ralph Adams
Mark Boyd
Steve Childers
Stacy Russell

Class of 2021

Trudy Amick
Bobby Fulmer
Jim Percival
Debbie Simpson

Class of 2022

Ernice Bookout
Irvin Jones
Linda Messer
Dorothy Williamson

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Mike Percival
Assistant Adam Cole

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Carol Hope
Vice Moderator..... Nell Glover

STAFF

Interim Pastor..... Doug Blaikie

Interim Director of Christian Education.....

Director of Music..... LaRayne Hall
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Secretary/Bookkeeper..... Pat Jones
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Sexton..... Donna Hagler

Caretaker..... Mike Percival
