

Worship on the Lord's Day

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Runyan/Johnson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight,

People: **And sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

Leader: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

People: And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

*INVOCATION

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

He is Exalted & Surely the Presence

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Surely The Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

(repeat)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Fathers: you raised up brave and able men and women to reform the church. We confess that we have lost our way again, and need new reformation. We are content with easy religion, with too much money and too little charity; we cultivate indifference. Lord, let your Word shake us up, and your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have renewed faith, and never shrink from challenge; in the name of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Savior. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

*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

Rev. Doug Blaikie

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Stand in Awe

Mark Altrogge

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament Readings

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"The Work of Forgiveness"

Rev. Doug Blaikie

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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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

He is Our Peace

Kandela Groves

*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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(refrain)

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart,

And whatever you do, in word or deed

Do it in the name of the Lord.

Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ the Lord;

Giving thanks, giving thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord.

*POSTLUDE

He is Exalted

Twila Paris

*Please stand, if able

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Remember in Prayer

On June 21st, 2020 the Session, after listening to feedback and suggestions from the first two “in-person” worship services, approved the following changes to in person worship.

- Worshippers are welcome to participate in worship responses and singing **IF** they wear a protective mask.
- The congregation will exit the sanctuary by rows guided by ushers and requested to completely exit the building into the parking lot before congregating in fellowship.
- The worship time for children will only be available on-line until children return to worship services.
- The online worship service will return to being recorded earlier in the week so that it can be made available at 10:00 am Sunday.
- All other safe worship practices will be maintained as previously communicated.

At Bethesda

Michelle Melton
Bill Dover
Sonny Moore
Mike Percival
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
James Anthony, Jr., (kidney surgery 8-21-20)
Gail Jones, ankle
Ray Johnson- Westminster

Steve Rawdon (Ruth’s husband)
Ethan Hose
Ruth Rawdon, back surgery
Eddie Alan Smith, back
Carolyn Rockholt (knee replacement surgery)
PNC Committee
Nancy Moore Smith- heart procedure 7-29-20

Homebound: Robert Jones (Brookdale- Spring Arbor), Billie Ann Burton (Carolina Gardens)

Death: Family and friends of Edgar Jennings Allen, 9-1-20 (Frank’s brother)
Family and friends of Gary Wright, 9-10-20

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne’s sister-in-law)
Chris Brackett- cancer
Jessie Mitchell (Childers’ friend) cancer
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby’s mother)
Casey Lane (Nancy Smith’s nephew) dialysis
Ellen Green
Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover’s son-in-law)
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt’s sister)
Joe Ligon (Carol Hope’s uncle) cancer
Tommy Ligon (Carol Hope’s cousin) stroke
Phil Hughes, leukemia
Future Wade (Bert’s nephew) surgery 7-29-20
Karen Starkey, cancer (husband runs nearby garage at Gordon Rd.)
Jeff Lewis (Josh Stallard’s friend) lung surgery

Hildegard and Jim Bell’s granddaughter, lupus
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven’s mother) ALS
“Leggs”
Amanda Hall (LaRayne’s daughter) leukemia
Paul Short (Lindy’s father)
Karen Blaikie (Doug’s sister-in-law) cancer
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn’s son)
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby’s mother) cancer
Mary Parkman (Walkers’ friend) stomach cancer
Cheryl Hughes, acute back pain
Mattie Thomas (Jim Percival’s cousin’s granddaughter)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye’s son)
Heath (Tara Rogers’ 3 year old friend) cancer

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

NEXT SUNDAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Jim Percival, Dorothy Williamson, Bobby Fulmer

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School —Cancelled
	10:00 am	Worship
	5:30 pm	Pickle ball—Family Life Center —Cancelled
	7:00 pm	Admin/Stewardship Committee
Monday	6:00 pm	Evening Circle —Cancelled
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts- Picnic Shelter
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts- Picnic Shelter
Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting- Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner—Fellowship Hall —Cancelled
	7:30 pm	Choir—Music Room —Cancelled
Thursday		Thursday Bible Study—available online only

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 803-328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net by previous Tuesday.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary to the **Glory of God and in celebration of our fathers' and Mike's September birthdays by Mike and Karen Percival.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

In March of 2020 the Prayer Shawl Ministry marked its sixth anniversary. Although we have not been meeting in person during this time, the members of The Prayer Shawl Ministry continue to actively contribute to this ministry as we all socially distance. We have been busily creating prayer shawls, lap afghans and baby blankets to be presented to members of Bethesda, members of their extended families, and community members who are in need of comfort and support. Each prayer shawl is made with love and prayers and offers tangible evidence of God's grace and assurance of His constant presence. It is our hope that these gifts will surround each recipient with the love of God.

As always we appreciate the continued support provided by donations. Since this is an unfunded ministry of Bethesda, it is very helpful when we are gifted with yarn to use. A recent large donation of yarn has been most welcome and greatly appreciated, and has enabled us to create a wide variety of items. We hope to bring these gifts to be blessed during Worship in the near future.

We currently have a supply of items available to be gifted as needed. If you are aware of someone who would be comforted by receiving a prayer shawl or lap afghan, please let one of the members know of this need. We will gladly make arrangements to ensure that one of the items is safely delivered along with a personalized prayer card.

Contribution/Pledge statements for 8-31-20 have been mailed this past week or placed in the mailboxes in the church office. If you did not receive one and would like one, please contact the church office 803-328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net.

Copies of the **Bethesda Banner September Newsletter** are available.

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

Join Pastor Doug each week for an "on-line" Bible Study. The current Study is on the 1st Peter. Bible Study Lessons will be posted each Thursday morning on our church YouTube Channel www.bethesdapres.org. Gather together, share with friends and family as we grow in God's Word together.

Incentive for Continued Stewardship

On accordance with the recently Congressionally approved CARES Act, an individual may deduct up to \$300 of cash contributions to your church or any other non-profit on your 2020 tax return (whether you itemize or not). Individuals may also deduct up to 100% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Currently a person could only deduct up to 60%. These items will be a deductible expense on our 2020 tax return. During this time of social distancing, if you are able, you are encouraged to continue your stewardship of giving to the church.

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for September 2020

September 24: 9:00 am- Union Baptist Church, 1195 Hands Mill Hwy, Rock Hill

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries. Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging 803-329-9670.

Sharing our passion for Christ in the neighborhood and the world: **Bethesda weekly worship services and Bible study lesson are 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. We are a spiritually connected church.

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

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Interim Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry.....
Director of Music..... LaRayne Hall
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