

Worship on the Lord's Day

October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

No Other Name/Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Gay/Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the house of the Lord, the gate of heaven.

People: Surely the Lord is in this place. We will attend to the voice of God.

Leader: Christ himself is the door. Let all who would know love enter life through him.

People: We draw close to you; O Christ. Open to us the way of salvation.

*INVOCATION

Liturgist

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ah, Lord God & We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Ah, Lord God

Ah, Lord God, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power.

Ah, Lord God, Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thine outstretched arm.

Nothing is too difficult for Thee, nothing is too difficult for Thee.

Great and mighty God, great in counsel and mighty in deed.

Nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing, nothing is too difficult for Thee.

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, like an ageless wave your Spirit flows through us. Your word is the current that carries our lives. At every turn we are blessed and contained by your ancient love that continually and insistently refreshes us. Help us, as we worship, to open our lives to the light that beams from the dawn of creation, that lights our path, the light in which all people shall find completion and peace. 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

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

The Wedding Banquet

Medical Mission Sisters

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament Readings

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON

"The Proper Attire"

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

I Want to Know Him

Dan Whittemore

*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

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

(refrain)

3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

(refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.

And all praise to the spirit, who makes us one.

(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

Our God Reigns/Rejoice, the Lord is King

Smith/Fettke

**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
PNC Committee
Ray Johnson- Westminster

Steve Rawdon (Ruth’s husband)
Ethan Hose
Ruth Rawdon, back surgery
Eddie Alan Smith, back
James Anthony, Jr., (kidney surgery 8-21-20)
Gail Jones, ankle
Lou Anne Hildebrand- back pain

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

Deaths: Family and friends of Chris Brackett, 9-23-20
Family and friends of Milton Pym (brother-in-law of Dorothy Williamson), 10-4-20

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne’s sister-in-law)	Hildegard and Jim Bell’s granddaughter, lupus
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven’s mother) ALS “Leggs”	Jessie Mitchell (Childers’ friend) cancer Vivian Fulmer (Bobby’s mother)
Amanda Hall (LaRayne’s daughter) leukemia	Casey Lane (Nancy Smith’s nephew) dialysis
Paul Short (Lindy’s father)	Ellen Green
Karen Blaikie (Doug’s sister-in-law) cancer	Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover’s son-in-law)
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn’s son)	Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt’s sister)
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby’s mother) cancer	Joe Ligon (Carol Hope’s uncle) cancer
Mary Parkman (Walkers’ friend) stomach cancer	Tommy Ligon (Carol Hope’s cousin) stroke
Cheryl Hughes, acute back pain	Phil Hughes, leukemia
Future Wade (Bert’s nephew) surgery 7-29-20	Mattie Thomas (Jim Percival’s cousin’s granddaughter)
Heath (Tara Rogers’ 3 year old friend) cancer	Johnny Rockholt (Faye’s son)
Karen Starkey, cancer (husband runs nearby garage at Gordon Rd.)	
Jeff Lewis (Josh Stallard’s friend) lung surgery	Josh Turney (Doris Jonas’ grandson)
Ella Kingston (Lou Anne’s 2 yr old friend) genetic disorder	
Shay Turney (Doris Jonas’ daughter)	

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

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

TODAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

Nursery service suspended for now

NEXT SUNDAY’S NURSERY WORKERS

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OCTOBER USHERS

Irvin Jones, Mark Boyd, Jim Percival

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	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts- Picnic Shelter
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts- Picnic Shelter
Wednesday	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.

Our **Christmas Worship Service** will look a little different than in the past years. We are going to do a Christmas Carol service with scripture. I need your suggestions for which carols to include. Please let me know what your favorite carols are and I will try include as many as I can into this service. You can send them to me by e-mail at larayneha@gmail.com; phone or text me at **803-554-4705**; put a note in my box in the office or in person. You can also contact Stacy and she will forward them to me. I would like to have them by mid- October so I can start planning this worship service. Thank you very much for your suggestions.

Dimes for Hunger

Jesus challenged the disciples to "Give them something to eat" [Luke 9:13]. Of course, there was only a small amount of food available for so many people on the hillside, but through Jesus' love, the food multiplied and there was more than enough to go around. Our dimes might not seem like a lot, but through God's love and our desire to help others, they will go far and feed many.

This year at Bethesda there will be three ways to make a contribution to *Dimes for Hunger*. A bucket will be placed at the front of the sanctuary so that those attending worship on Sundays may donate. Another bucket will be placed in the church office for those who wish to drop off their contributions during office hours, daily 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM. In addition checks designated for *Dimes for Hunger* may be sent to Bethesda. Thank you all in advance for your participation in the important annual effort to feed the hungry.

Bethelwoods- Fall Programs- In an effort to do our part to flatten the curve and to stay in community with our Bethelwoods family we do not currently have any fall programs scheduled. It is our greatest hope to return to offering in person programs as soon as we are able. In the meantime, we invite you to connect with us through our social media accounts and our newsletter! To subscribe, please visit our website at www.bethelwoods.org.

New Address for Gail Boyd. She has moved into an assisted living in Winter Park, Florida, near her son, Steve. Her address is **1620 Mayfield Court, Apt. B115, Winter Park, FL 32792.** Her phone # is **407-960-3405.**

Do you recycle? If so, start saving your plastics because Bethesda is going to participate in the Trex Plastic Recycling Challenge! Save your grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziplock & other resealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags. All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue. A container will be placed on the Fellowship Hall porch to collect the plastics. If we collect 500 pounds of plastic by April 15, Trex will award us with a beautiful Trex bench. It sounds impossible; but it's not—hundreds of schools and churches have done this. This bench will be placed near the playground beside the Fellowship Hall.

The Christian Education Committee has some exciting news!!!!

October 31: We will have a **Halloween parade** from **3-4 p.m.** Due to the safety concerns with the current virus, we will not have our normal Trunk or Treat. Instead, we will have a Halloween parade. We still invite members of the congregation to decorate their cars for this event. However, we will not have games being played at the cars. Instead, the children will have a parade in their costumes through the parking lot. At every car, we will have bags of candy for the children. This event can be for children and youth. Some of our youth might enjoy dressing up in a costume and parading. Otherwise, they can either decorate a car, or help lead the parade.

Members of the congregation are asked to participate in any or all of the following ways:

- bring wrapped candy and/or treat bags filled with wrapped candy to the church by Sunday, October 25. There will be a collection box outside the DCE office for the candy.
- decorate your car and come watch the parade from your car.
- bring any children who might want to participate in this event.

November 1: Children's Church. Starting November 1, any children ages 3 and above are invited to come to childrens' church during the regular worship time. We will meet in the fellowship hall where we can practice social distancing. During this time, we will have a worship service, a lesson, and some fun activities. When parents come to church, they can just leave their children at the fellowship hall. We do ask that the children wear masks during this time. We hope this will allow parents and children to fully enjoy their worship time.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen has been closed since March because of Covid-19. We are happy to announce that they are opening back up on October 4 with some changes to keep everyone safe. Due to Covid-19, the guests will not be eating in the fellowship hall. A table will be set up outside for the patrons to pick up their boxed dinner and drink. If it is raining, the table will be just inside the doorway. Volunteers are asked to wear a mask and gloves will be provided. Bethesda will serve at Plentiful Harvest on October 25 and January 24. **Please let Steve or Sarah Childers know if you would like to help serve on October 25.**

There will be no Community Thanksgiving Service this year.

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.

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Site for October 2020

October 30: 9:00 am- Hermon Presbyterian Church, 107 Heckle Blvd., Rock Hill

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

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 Coordinator of Children & Youth Ministry.....

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

Caretaker..... Mike Percival
