

Worship on the Lord's Day

August 6, 2017

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Todd Russell

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Please sign attendance registers

PRELUDE

Rock of My Salvation

Teresa Muller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 113

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

People: *Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.*

Leader: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: *The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.*

Leader: For there is no other like our God, the One who sits enthroned on high.

People: *Let us worship the Lord our God!*

*INVOCATION

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

Ah, Lord God & Through It All

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.

THROUGH IT ALL

Through it all, through it all,

I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God.

Through it all, through it all,

I've learned to depend upon God's word.

(repeat refrain)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Heavenly Father, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found abundant life. We confess that too often we keep this good news to ourselves. Neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed his saving grace. Forgive us for denying the love in which we live and move and have our being. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit, in all that we say and do, to bear witness to the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 (*After the Children's Sermon, children are led to Children's Church*)

Mrs. Sarah

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Wind Beneath My Wings

Sinbar/Henley/Fettke

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

New Testament Reading

John 15:1-11

SERMON

"Raising the Sails"

Elder John Nettles

*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.

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Fettke/Berry

*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

Spirit

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*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

*POSTLUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

William Moore

**Please stand, if able*

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***Today we welcome Elder John Nettles to the pulpit.*

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Geraldine Blackmon
Edna Pinson
Bill Dover
Ethan Hose
Robert Jones (Brookdale- Spring Arbor)

Michelle Melton
Steve Rawdon (Ruth's husband)
Jonathan Lauckner & family (2nd heart bypass)
Jimmy Neely (Westminster Rehab)

Homebound: Nancy Moore (Carolina Gardens) and Amelia Simmers

Deaths: Family and Friends of Tony Hyatt (Linda Adkins' brother) 7-21-17
Family and Friends of Betsy Thomas Johnson (former church organist) 7-23-17

In the Community and Beyond

Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)	Chris Brackett (Gwen Carpenter's brother)
Pat Jones Reeves (Retired CDC Teacher)	Virginia & Randy Medley (Beaty Family)
Lilly Davis (Bill Davis' grandmother)	Melvin Collins (Becky Adams' father) heart condition
Christine Roberts	Catherine Porter family (her cousin's daughter)- fatal disease
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)	Erline Henderson (Julie Cornwell's mother) broken shoulder
Sandra Honeycutt- cancer	Natalie Bentos-Pereira (Old Pointe 5 th grade student)
Jennifer Simmons (Faye Rockholt's granddaughter)	Reed Wagner (Hildegard Bell's friend) leukemia
Audrey Branch	Laura Ross (Lane Russell's teacher) stage 2 breast cancer
Leigh Sanford (Dick & Anne's daughter) surgery	Elsa Carabello (Lauren & Emily Medley's aunt) cancer
Mary DeSantis (Ernice's aunt) stroke	Martha Costner (Liz Blackwell's mother)
Gene Carter (Jimmy Carter's brother)	Colton Wescott, surgery 8-11-17
Woody Percival (Mike Percival's brother)	Piedmont Mark Williams (Donna Hagler's brother) rotor cuff surgery
Laney Allen (Mike Percival's brother-in-law)	colon cancer surgery 6-19
Julie Pickel (Debbie Simpson's daughter's friend's mother)	uterine cancer

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil, Tito Palacios in Guatemala, and the Driggers Family in Papua New Guinea

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Debbie Darby and Rebecca Simpson

NEXT SUNDAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Keith and Hope Dover

AUGUST USHERS

Faye Boyd, Karen Percival, Stacy Russell

TODAY'S CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sarah Childers

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:15 am	Morning Prayer
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	2:00- 4:00 pm	Presbytery Swim Sundays- Bethelwoods
	4:00 pm	Worship Committee- Session Room
	6:30 pm	Christian Education Committee- Fellowship Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts

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** and a member of **The Fellowship of Presbyterians**.

2017 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 honor of **Ellen Dewey's birthday on August 8** by Barbara Thompson.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you and all the people who helped make the beautiful blanket you gave to Cayden. It is very special to us and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, **Lauren Medley and Matthew McDaniel**

Copies of the **Bethesda Banner** are available in the vestibule and on the front pew.

Congratulations to the following children who had **Perfect Attendance** in Sunday School for the month of July: Carolann Bull, Elizabeth Bull, and Reagan Hall! We are so proud of these girls' commitment to Sunday School.

The **Guatemala Mission Team** will lead worship and share their experiences on Sunday, August 13, at 11 am in the Family Life Center.

The **Holy Conversations Committee** will be commissioned on Sunday, August 13. Members are John Nettles, Chair, Johnny Walker, Trudy Amick, Donna Hagler, Steve Childers, Dorothy Williamson, Laura Smith, Patrick Dunphy, and Valerie Bull.

Congregational Meeting

The date of the Congregational Meeting has been changed to Sunday, August 13, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to elect representatives from the Congregation for the Elder Nominating Committee.

Our adult choir needs you! We will be resuming rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 in the choir room. Please consider joining us. We don't expect professional singers, just those willing to share their voice and a little time to sing praises to our Lord. We meet for one hour on Wednesdays and sing about 3 times a month. If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of our choir. We hope to see some new people on the 23rd. Sing to the Lord a new song!

LaRayne

larayneha@gmail.com or 803-554-4705

Looking for something fun to do on Sunday Afternoon? Come to Bethelwoods for Presbytery Swim Sundays at Bethelwoods on Sunday now through August 27th from 2-4PM each week. Everyone is welcome!

Financial assistance may be available through our **Church's Benevolence Fund** for those in our church or community needing help on power bills, rent or other needs. Application for this assistance can be made through the church office and will then be reviewed by the Benevolence Team for action.

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

Cell Phone (313) 580-7961

SESSION

Class of 2017

Ralph Adams
Elizabeth Blackwell
Ernice Bookout
Faye Boyd
John Nettles
Stacy Russell

Class of 2018

Darius Alexander
Trey Amick
Todd Russell

Class of 2019

Debbie Darby
Cheryl Forlines
Karen Percival

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Mike Percival/Carol Hope

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator..... Carol Hope
Vice Moderator..... Nell Glover
Secretary..... Donna Hagler
Treasurer..... Barbara Thompson

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