

Worship on the Lord's Day

March 4, 2018

3rd Sunday in Lent

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

Please sign attendance registers

PRELUDE

Redeemer

Nicole Coleman-Mullen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How good God is to the upright!

People: *How good to those who are pure in heart!*

Pastor: Our chief good is to be near Thee, O God;

People: *We have chosen the Lord God to be our refuge.*

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord God, we come here now, people of many families, remembering different experiences, but we all come as one people – your people. In the moment of deepest concentration, we have known you working beside us; in the moment of full relaxation, we have been caught up into your eternal peace; in the moment of exhilarating delight, we have heard you laughing with us in our joy; in the moment of dread and despair, we have heard you weeping with us in our grief; in everything that matters you have been beside us: not blinding us with the majesty of your glory, but allowing us to glimpse the wonder of your reality; and even when we have not recognized your presence, still it is only your love that has held us in being. What else can we do, Eternal God, but open our hearts in praise? Accept our praises, for we are filled with wonder at your glory and your love. 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 (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

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.

ANTHEM

Pardon

Donna Fiscus

SCRIPTURE LESSON

New Testament Reading

John 2:13-22

SERMON

“Cleaning the House”

Rev. Doug Blaikie

*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

As I Look Into Your Eyes

Oddie & Nolan

*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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus (3 times)
No turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me; (3 times)
No turning back, no turning back.
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will follow (3 times)
No turning back, no turning back.
4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus? (3 times)
No turning back, no turning back.

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

*POSTLUDE

Glory

Geoff Bullock

**Please stand, if able*

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Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Geraldine Blackmon
Steve Rawdon (Ruth's husband)
JoEllen Smith
Jill Dickson Carter

Michelle Melton (pray her seizures would ease up)
Bill Dover
Julie Cornwell

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

Deaths: Family and Friends of Martha Beckham Costner, (Liz Blackwell's mother) 2-17-18

In the Community and Beyond

Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Virginia & Randy Medley (Beaty Family)
Ann M. Lane (Nancy Smith's sister)
Bobby Griggs
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Luke Gunter (Jean Blaikie's father)
Eva Bailey (10 yr. old daughter of Christina Hibbard's co-worker) leukemia
Tristan Blanton (7 month old baby with lung cancer- Father is Chase Blanton in York)
Alyanda (Nickie) Anthony (Bert Anthony's daughter)
Pat Reeves (Dawn Westmoreland's mother) Wayne T. Patrick Hospice House

Chris Brackett (Gwen Carpenter's brother)
Laney Allen (Mike Percival's brother-in-law)
Christine Roberts
Elsa Carabello (Lauren & Emily Medley's aunt) cancer
Reed Wagner (Hildegard Bell's friend) leukemia
Casey Lane (Ann Lane's son) kidney failure

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

The Bull Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Susan and Christina Hibbard

MARCH USHERS

Ralph Adams, Mark Boyd, Steve Childers

TODAY'S CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sarah Childers

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
		Celebration Covered Dish Lunch- Fellowship Hall
	5:00- 6:30 pm	Youth- Gym
	6:30 pm	Christian Education Committee- Ladies' Parlor
Monday	6:30 pm	Hand Chimes- Ladies' Parlor
	6:30 pm	Evening Circle- Session Room
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts- Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts- Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 am	Morning Circle- Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Dinner- Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Choir
Thursday	7:00 pm	Bible Study- Fellowship Hall
Friday	5:30 – 10 pm	Bethelwoods- Kids Night Out

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**.

2018 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** by previous Tuesday.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the **Glory of God** and in honor of **Edie Nettles' birthday** today by **John Nettles and David Nettles**.

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

Many thanks to all who pledged during the **Stewardship campaign**. Pledges may still be turned in to church office or in the collection plate. Please join us in celebration of stewardship in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service today for a covered dish luncheon.

There are some **2018 Offering Envelopes** on the front pew that have not been picked up. If you do not have any for 2018 and would like some envelopes, please contact the **church office 328-1360 or bethesda@comporium.net**.

For those who have reserved tickets for the **NarroWay performance of The 4th Cross**, please turn the money in to Sarah by Wednesday, March 7. Adult tickets are \$22 and youth/children tickets are \$8. Make checks payable to Bethesda. The play is next Sunday, March 11 at 2 pm.

Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 2 pm. If you would like to help with this event, the Christian Education Committee needs plastic eggs filled with candy, small toys, coins, etc. There are bags of eggs (12 per bag) in the front of the church and the Narthex if you would like to take some home to fill. The filled eggs will need to be returned by Sunday, March 25. There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex to bring cookies and cupcakes to be served after the egg hunt. Thank you in advance for your help with this event.

Bethelwoods- Kids Night Out- Let's Go Fly a Kite! Join us on Friday, March 9th for a night of camps games and crafts. Each child will build and decorate their own kite to take home! Program starts at 5:30 pm, pick-up is 8:30-10pm. Cost is \$15 for first child, \$10 for each additional child in the family. Dinner is included. Open to campers K5-6th Grade. Register online www.bethelwoods.org for more info: cameron@bethelwoods.org

Bethelwoods- Creative Crafters- Join us at Bethelwoods for a day of Coaster Decoupage! We'll meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday, March 13th in Lake Lodge. Cost is \$15 and includes the cost of materials and lunch. Contact Cameron to RSVP (803) 366-3722 ext. 22 cameron@bethelwoods.org

Bethelwoods- Third Tuesdays Together- Join us on March 20th, as we welcome Christian author Glenda Manus, who has written several novels, including "Sweet Tea and Southern Grace." Her books focus on the fictional small-town of Park Place, South Carolina and its Presbyterian minister. For more on Glenda, you can visit her website at www.glendamanus.com Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch. Event will begin at 10:30 am. RSVP (803) 366-3722 or cameron@bethelwoods.org

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

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SESSION

Class of 2018

Darius Alexander
Trey Amick
John Nettles
Todd Russell

Class of 2019

Debbie Darby
Cheryl Forlines
Karen Percival
Johnny Walker

Class of 2020

Ralph Adams
Mark Boyd
Steve Childers
Stacy Russell

Ernice Bookout, Clerk of Session

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Mike Percival/Carol Hope

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

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