

Worship on the Lord's Day

May 15, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Ralph Adams

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP -

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

I Will Praise Him

Margaret Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord, God, Omnipotent calls us to worship.

People: We worship the Lord in glad array.

Leader: The Lord, God Almighty, calls us to sing.

People: We sing unto the Lord with a joyful sound.

Leader: The Lord, God, Omniscient calls us to praise.

People: We praise the Lord in exaltation.

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

-SILENT PERSONAL 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!**

FIRST READING

John 13:31-35

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Reverend Dr. Derek S. Marotta

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response

PRAYER RESPONSE

He is Lord, He Is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

ANTHEM

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON

“Who Am I?”

Reverend Dr. Derek S. Marotta

*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

I Saw the Cross of Jesus

Bob Burroughs

*Doxology

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.

Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

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POSTLUDE

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

James Fillmore

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day.

That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

**Please stand, if able*

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May 15: " For the love of God controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore, all have died, and he died for all., that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5: 14-15.

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Steve & Ruth Rawdon
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Frank Allen
Krystal Jordan- testing & eye surgery at Duke
Steve Childers- surgery 3-24-22
Doris Jonas- heart

Bill Dover
Eddie Allan Smith- back
Ina Oates- under Hospice care at home
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & family
Eddie Smith- heart
David Hibbard

Birth: Meadow Reece Bell, 5-6-22 daughter of Amy & William Bell; granddaughter of Anita Buffalino; great granddaughter of Carolyn Rockholt

At Bethesda Child Development Center

Cynthia Jackson, Dawn Westmoreland, Gracie Arnold, Esther Bailey, Jamie Baker, Algeria Ervin, Catherine Goodband, Stacy Meek, Janice Meeks, Tracy Modispaugh, Elizabeth Martin

In the Military

Chase Davis, Zoe Davis, Morgan Drayton, Sully Foy, Nicholas McAteer, Alyarda Thompson, Michael Wilkerson

In the Community and Beyond

Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law) Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother) Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister) Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother) cancer
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son) Heath (Tara Rogers' 3 yr old friend) cancer
Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal's friend) cancer Rick Stallard (Josh's father)
Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal's friends) Rowdy Jordan (Krystal's father)
John (hip replacement) & Karen (cancer) Blaikie Jim Hodnett (Smith's friend) paralyzed
Linda Strauss (Eddie & Nancy's friend)stage 4 cancer Willie Wilson (Bert's brother)
Shelly Palmer(Leslie's cousin) covid complications Blakely Percival- neurological tests, Shriners Hospital
Memory Jordan (Ralph & Becky's friend) lung cancer Peggy Wells (Sarah's aunt) leukemia
Betty Matthews (Melanie Walker's friend)

Bethesda Global Mission Partners:

The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS

Volunteers needed

MAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jennifer and Emma Marotta

MAY USHERS

Linda Messer, Alberta Anthony, Todd Russell

The BPC Calendar

Sunday	9:45 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Sunday School Worship Session Meeting- Session Room Pickle ball- Family Life Center
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts- Picnic shelter/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Wednesday Dinner- Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6:00 pm	Bible Study- Fellowship- Hall
Friday		Church Office closed- Secretary on vacation

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, need assistance, or need nursery services, 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.

2022 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at **803-328-1360** or email bethesda@comporium.net by the previous Tuesday.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary **today** to the glory of **God and in memory of my dad, Bill Williams by Donna and Drew Hagler.**

Thank You Note

Bobby Walker wants to thank the congregation for your thoughts, prayers, cards, and the beautiful afghan. He continues to recover at home and hopes to start his outpatient physical therapy soon.

The Mother's Day offering total was \$250.00. This offering will benefit the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. Thanks for your generosity.

Contribution/Pledge statements for 4-30-22 have been mailed 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.

The Church office will be closed on Friday, May 20, 2022. Secretary will be on vacation. Please leave a message **803-328-1360** or email bethesda@comporium.net.

This is the address for **Bert Anthony's daughter**, who is stationed in the military:

Alyarda Thompson
PSC 704 BOX 3618
APO, AP 96338-0037

Bible Study— Adult Bible Study will meet each Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Worship Committee needs the names and school information for any **2022 graduates**. If you know anyone who is graduating, please give names and info. to **Dorothy Williamson** or **Alberta Anthony** before May 10.

There is a "FREE" **Bedroom set and Desk in the Manse** that is not needed. If you are interested, please contact the **Marottas 724-221-4491**.

The Worship Committee is looking for people to sign up for the flower chart. Chart is located in the narthex of the sanctuary. Also, **John Nettles is looking for people to be liturgist for the coming year.**

Food Pantry--A basket is available weekly in the vestibule for **donations** to the Food Pantry. There is also a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the **Wednesday** Night Dinners. Please bring non perishable food items to help us provide for the hungry. These items are distributed to people who request help through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund and also delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

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

The **Bethesda CDC is looking for Teacher Assistants for our program**—Applicants must be 18 years old with a high school diploma. Applicants must be available **Monday-Friday** until 5:45. Experience driving a 15 passenger bus for school pickup would be a plus! For more information please contact the daycare at **803-328-0149** and ask for **Cindy or Dawn.**

Feed the Hungry: Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry Sites May & June 2022

May 27: 9:00 am- Unity Presbyterian, 303 Tom Hall St. Fort Mill

June 1: 9:00 am- Faith Presbyterian, 7520 Charlotte Hwy (Rte. 521), Indian Land, SC

How Do I Contact My Pastor?

Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta is available in the church office Monday – Thursday between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.

His new telephone number for the **Manse is 803-328-9338. His cell phone number is 724-221-4491.** His email address is jdmarrotta75@gmail.com and his blog is revmarotta.blogspot.com

SESSION

Class of 2022

Ernice Bookout
Irvin Jones
Linda Messer
Dorothy Williamson

Class of 2023

Sarah Childers
Jimmy Darby
Susan Hibbard
Todd Russell

Class of 2024

Bert Anthony
Mark Boyd
Cheryl Forlines
Johnny Walker

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

Todd Russell, Treasurer
bethesdatreasurer@comporium.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Esther Bailey
Assistant Adam Cole

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

Morning (First Thursday of the month 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall)..... Carol Hope
Evening (First Monday of the month 6:00 pm- Session Room)..... Trudy Amick

STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta

Interim Coordinator of Children’s & Youth Ministry.....

Director of Music..... LaRayne Hall
larayneha@gmail.com

Secretary/Bookkeeper..... Pat Jones
bethesda@comporium.net

Sexton..... Donna Hagler