

| Worship on the Lord's Day | | |
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| April 21, 2024 | 4 th Sunday of Easter | Eleven O'clock |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - | PREPARE TO WORSHIP | |
| PRELUDE | Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken | Robert J. Hughes |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| Leader: | Today is a new day! | |
| People: | We come with the past behind us, and the future open. | |
| Leader: | We come to celebrate the new life Christ brings. | |
| People: | Christ is with us! He is with us indeed! | |
| *INVOCATION | | |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise | 263 |
| *PRAYER OF CONFESSION | | |
| God of Sarah and Abraham, in this holy place, we know how weak is our discipleship. We can spend hours distracted, but only give you fleeting moments of our time. We can talk endlessly to others, but fall silent when it comes to sharing our fears, our worries, our hopes with you. We seek quick fixes for our problems, rather than seeking your vision and future for our lives. Forgive us, so we may lay aside all that keeps us from you, so we may take up the life you offer to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 10:11–18 | |
| TIME FOR THE CHILDREN | Rev. Dr. Derek S. Marotta | |
| PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER | Congregational Response | |
| PRAYER RESPONSE | | |
| He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. | | |
| SOUNDS OF GRACE | Things Left Undone | Steve Childers |
| SCRIPTURE READINGS | 1 John 3:16-24 | |

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| SERMON | “Love in...” | Rev. 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 | In His Holy Presence | Lani Smith |
| *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 | | |
| Because He Lives | | |
| 1. God sent His Son- they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. | | |
| Refrain: | | |
| Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives. | | |
| 2. How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives. But greater still the calm assurance; This child can face uncertain days because He lives. | | |
| (refrain) | | |
| 3. And then one day I’ll cross the river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain. And then, as death gives way to vict’ry, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He reigns. | | |
| (refrain) | | |
| POSTLUDE | God is My Strong Salvation | Gilbert M. Martin |
| “Evangelism is often a practice of proximity, how close does God call you to draw to your community?” | | |
| *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. | | |

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

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| Ruth Rawdon | Bill Dover |
| Anita Ferguson Buffolino- cancer surgery | Eddie Allan Smith |
| Frank Allen | Ricky & Debbie Simpson and family |
| Jonathan Lauckner- surgery 10/26/23 | Gene Cornwell (Mack) |
| Margaret Moore | Stacy Meek |
| Hildegard Bell | Janice Meeks (CDC) health issues |
| Cecelia Alexander- knee replacement surgery | Eddie Smith |
| Peggy Adkins- kidney removal surgery | Dorothy Williamson |

Death: Family and friends of Patti Simril, 4-10-24

At Bethesda Child Development Center

Cynthia Jackson, Dawn Westmoreland, Esther Bailey, Natalie Ashe, Shelby Ashe, Jamie Baker, Catherine Goodband, Madison Hartis, Emily Hopkins, Elizabeth Martin, Janice Meeks

In the Military

Chase Davis, Zoe De Anda, Pierce Dewey, Sabrina Dollar, Sully Foy, Nicholas McAteer, Gage Orr, Michael Wilkerson

In the Community and Beyond

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| Hildegard and Jim Bell’s granddaughter, lupus | Larry Rockholt (Carolyn’s son) |
| Johnny Rockholt (Faye’s son) | Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal’s friend) cancer |
| Rick Stallard (Josh’s father) | Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal’s friends) |
| Rachel Ann Taylor (Pat’s granddaughter) leukemia | Noah Smith, Sr. (Pacia’s dad) Hospice |
| Brittany, Wes & Whitley Teter (Linda’s granddaughter) | Ron Saboley(Jackie’s husband) unable to have surgery |
| Dolores Lynn (Tara’s aunt- Iowa) new heart problem | Penelope Lowder (Rocky’s niece) surgery |
| Dennis Duncan (Debbie Fulmer’s dad) memory issues | Joanne Cox (Debbie Fulmer’s aunt) cancer |
| Dwight Little (cirrhosis liver, stroke)Leslie’s coworker br. | Cheryl Hughes- health issues |
| Tommy Harper (Sarah Childers’ dad) | James David (David Chambers’ grandson) |
| Peggy Neal (JoEllen’s mom) narrowing/blockages | Nikki Thompson (Alberta’s daughter) colon cancer |
| Rose Locklair (Peggy, Faye, Ruth & Mack’s sister) Hospice | |
| Jackie Johnson Saboley (hip surgery) | David (Bobby Fulmer’s friend) awaiting liver transplant |
| Christina Dixon (Shannon’s friend) breast cancer | Janet Osborne- breast cancer |
| Marie Moore | |

Bethesda Global Mission Partners: The Matias Family in Brazil and Tito Palacios in Guatemala

APRIL USHERS

Johnny Walker, Stacy Russell, Linda Messer

| <u>The BPC Calendar</u> | | |
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| Sunday | 9:45 am 11:00 am 4:00 – 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm | Sunday School Worship GriefShare- Ladies’ Parlor Pickleball- Family Life Center Session- Session Room |
| Monday | 7:00 pm | Bible Study- Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | Choir Wednesday Dinner- Fellowship Hall Sounds of Grace rehearsal |
| Thursday | 3:00 pm 3:30 pm | CDC Chapel- Rev. Marotta- Sanctuary CDC Chapel- Rev. Marotta- CDC |

April 21, 2024

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and *there will be one flock and one shepherd.* (John 10:16)

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**.

2024 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. There will be a plate upfront for people to donate for the **Flower Fund**.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary this week by **Pam and Rowdy Jordan, to the glory of God and in memory of Pam’s dad, Louie Patterson’s birthday.**

The Session will meet today at 6:00 pm in the Session Room.

Bible Study will meet on Monday at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir will meet this week at 5:30 pm on Wednesday. **Wednesday Dinner** at 6:30 pm.

Special Offering Update

Two Special offerings were collected at Bethesda on Easter Sunday. These offerings will benefit the programs of One Great Hour of Sharing and also the Bethesda Benevolence Fund. The combined total of these two offerings was almost \$800. Thank you for your generous support of these two special offerings. Every contribution makes a difference in the lives of those in need.

Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center located on Mount Gallant Road in York is hosting a **Pancake Brunch fundraiser** at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill on May 11 from 9 to 11 AM. All you can eat for whatever you can pay! All proceeds from this event will benefit the ministry of Bethelwoods. Walk-ins welcome but pre-registration is preferred. Register at the Bethelwoods website (bethelwoods.org). To be a sponsor at this event at either \$100, \$200 or \$300 level please contact Rev. Mia Levetan at mlevetan@gmail.com.

Registration for **Bethelwoods Summer Camp** is open at Summer Camp - BETHELWOODS CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER. Please visit our website to see the options for your child(ren) this summer! Contact us at info@bethelwoods.org or 803-366-3722 for scholarships or with questions.

Mark your calendars!! **Bethesda will host a blood drive** on May 14 from 2 pm until 7 pm. Once again this will be in honor of Rachel Ann Taylor (Pat’s granddaughter).

The Session requests that worshipers refrain from bringing beverages into the sanctuary. Bottled water and cough drops are available in the narthex for an emergent need.

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen – Covenant Presbyterian Church –Future dates are May 26, August 11, and October 27

Plastic Recycling- We will continue to collect “soft” plastics for our 4th bench.

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

Please help replenish our "Blessing Box” and Food Pantry. Suggested items are non-perishable food items - peanut butter, jelly, canned meat or pasta items, spaghetti sauce, pasta, small cereal boxes, etc. A basket is available weekly in the vestibule for **donations**. There is also a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the **Wednesday** Night Dinners. These items are used to fill the “Blessing Box”, distributed to people who request help through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund, and delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

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.**

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 telephone number for the **Manse is 803-328-9338. His cell phone number is 724-221-4491.** His email address is jdmarotta75@gmail.com and his blog is revmarotta.blogspot.

SESSION

Class of 2024
Alberta Anthony
Mark Boyd
Cheryl Forlines
Johnny Walker

Class of 2025
Debbie Fulmer
Jim Percival
Stacy Russell

Class of 2026
Steve Childers
Laura Merritt
Linda Messer

John Nettles, Clerk of Session

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On-line
Ministry support

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Esther Bailey
Assistant Adam Cole

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

Morning (First Thursday of the month 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall)..... Carol Hope

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