



Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

**Attendance**  
Worship 328, Online Worship 29, Sunday School 235

<b>Gifts</b> (*Figures for August 17, 2025. These figures are unverified.)			
*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$27,227.00		
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$697,002.36		
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$36,068.64	-4.92%	

<b>Capital Campaign</b> (Figures for August 17, 2025)	
*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$155.00



**Ways to Give**  
Scan this QR Code for PushPay online or text  
833.245.8417 to give from your phone!



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**  
If you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Rev. Isaac Dusenbury.

**Church Contact Information**

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After Hours Emergency Contact: (843) 425-1069

Scan to view our Monthly Calendar

*Welcome!*

We are pleased you joined us in worship.  
If you are looking for a church home,  
please speak with a member of our clergy or staff.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Liturgist:** David Powell

**Greeter:** Dennis & Margaret Kaltenbach

**Ushers:** Jeremy Dunlap, Greg Horres, Shane Kersting,  
Travis Wheeler, Mark Watson, Mac Burdette, Joey Herring



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

A Stephen Ministries Congregation

Our Care Team is here to support our congregation!  
If you know of a congregational care need that requires our attention,  
please let us know. Sunday School Classes and Bethany members are  
encouraged to reach out. Contact the church office 843.873.1230  
or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

*Bethany United Methodist Church*

Summerville, South Carolina



*An Order of Sunday Worship*

11th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, August 24, 2025

United Methodist Mission Statement:

"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."

CALL TO WORSHIP

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.

\*please stand in body or spirit

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Speak to Me

CANNONBURY  
UMH 463

\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

UMH 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

MEINEKE  
UMH 70

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. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

JENN HORRES

(Children ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed for Children’s Church in Room 214. Please remember to attach a Children’s Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep From Singing

BRADLEY ELLINGBOE  
CHANCEL CHOIR; MARGIE FENDLEY, FLUTE

My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation, I hear the real, though far-off hymn; that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm; while to that Rock I’m clinging; Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing; It finds an echo in my soul— How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest ‘round me roar? I hear the truth it liveth; What though the darkness round me close? Songs in the night He giveth

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 1: 4-10

OT 698  
DAVID POWELL

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Psalm 141

ARLO D DUBA

CHANCEL CHOIR

My prayers rise like incense, my hands like the evening sacrifice.

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

The Lone Wild Bird

JESSICA NELSON

CHANCEL CHOIR; MARGIE FENDLEY, FLUTE

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight. Is still with Thee, nor leaves Thy sight. And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand, the sea's dark deep and far off land. And I am Thine! I rest in Thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

\*GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13: 10-17

NT 76  
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mulligans

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

Lord of the Dance

LORD OF THE DANCE  
UMH 261

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LEE TURNER

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matt Watson on his 45th birthday, by Marion, June, Mark, Emily, Ann Myers, and Ella.