

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

#### **Attendance**

Worship 209, Online Worship 75, Sunday School 190

**Gifts** (\*Figures for October 12, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

<u>Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts</u> – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....

*Operating Contributions Last Week	\$23,574.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date	\$829,388.05
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$81,397.95
	-8.94%
Capital Campaign (Figures for October 12, 2025)	
*Building Contributions Last Week	\$1,255.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$80,729.85



### **Ways to Give**

210,166.58

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





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: Mark Mizell

Greeters: Dennis & Margaret Kaltenbach

**Ushers**: David Huffman, Marion Watson, Steve Davis, Christy Buddin, Jay Budding



### 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

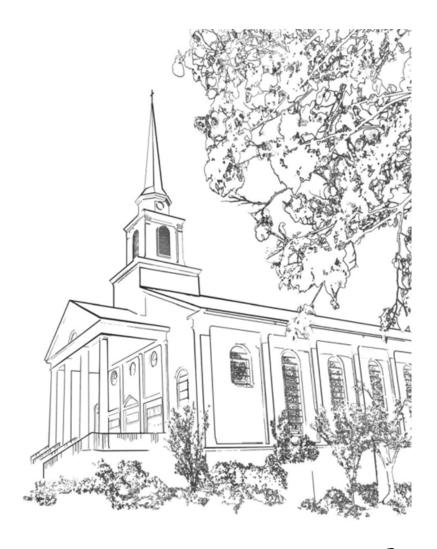
Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 19, 2025

Making 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

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

ARR. ALEX GUEBERT

Psalm 23

CHANCEL BELLS; JESSICA TURNER, FLUTE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**BEECHER** 

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**UMH 384** 

\*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

MEINEKE

Glory Be to the Father

**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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 31: 27-34

OT 735 MARK MIZELL

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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

**DEDICATION** 

CHANCEL CHOIR

### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CALL TO PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

MARK MIZELL

LANNY WOLFE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**EMILY VICK** 

(Children ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed to Children's Church in Room 214. Remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up following worship.)

\*GOSPEL LESSON

**LUKE 18: 1-8** 

NT 81 REV. MICHAEL RITTER

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** 

The Power of Persistence

**REV. MICHAEL RITTER** 

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST **UMH 405** 

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LEE TURNER

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE

Nocturne No. 2

MICHAEL HELMAN

**CHANCEL BELLS** 

\*DOXOLOGY

**OFFERTORY** 

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**UMH 94** (Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children's Moment)

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

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Hart, celebrating the 99th anniversary of his birth, lovingly remembered by Marion and June, Mark and Emily, and Ann Myers and Ella.