





**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.

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

Attendance	
Worship 224, Online Worship 51, Sunday School 241	
Gifts (*Figures for October 19, 2025. These figures are unverified.)	
*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$11,401.25
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$840,789.30
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$92,210.70
	-9.88%
Capital Campaign (Figures for October 19, 2025)	
*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$428.75
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$81,158.60
Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....	228,198.42



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

Church Contact Information

(843) 873-1230 After Hours Emergency
118 W 3rd South Street (843) 425-1069
Summerville, SC, 29483



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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

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



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

20th Sunday after Pentecost
Children’s Sabbath
Sunday, October 26 2025

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World.

CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.</i>		
<i>*please stand in body or spirit</i>		
GATHERING		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	EMILY VICK	
PRELUDE	J. BRAHMS	
<i>Waltz</i> CLARA URBAN, VIOLIN		
CALL TO WORSHIP	TRADITIONAL	
<i>My God Is So Great</i> CHERUB & MELODY CHOIRS; KEN MYERS, PIANO		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	HYMN TO JOY UMH 89	
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>		
*THE APOSTLES’ CREED	ELLIE MCCARTY 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 UMH 70	
<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>		
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.		

ANTHEM	<i>Follow Jesus</i> MELODY AND WESLEY CHOIR; KEN MYERS, PIANO	ARR. DENNIS ALLEN
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	PSALM 16: 7-9,11	OT 496 KADENCE FISHER
This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
PRAYER AND PRAISE		
CALL TO PRAYER		MARY BARTON BUDDIN
The Lord be with you. And also with you.		
CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	SWEET SPIRIT UMH 334
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.		
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.		
OFFERTORY	<i>You Raise Me Up</i> YOUTH CHOIR; KEN MYERS, PIANO	ARR. ROGER EMERSON

*DOXOLOGY	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	LASST UNS ERFREUEN UMH 94
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!		
PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD		
*GOSPEL LESSON	JOHN 15: 9-11	NT 109 LYLA BRICKMAN
This is the word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	Life is Sweet with Jesus	EMILY VICK
SENDING FORTH		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	There’s Within My Heart a Melody	SWEETEST NAME UMH 380
*BENEDICTION	MARISKA & MEREDITH SERGEANT	
*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		
Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Frances Scott by her children, Dana and Larry Wells, John and Carol Shaffer, and Mary Scott; her grandchildren, Skottowe Wells, Julie Scott, and Cal and Lauren Scott; and her great-grandson, Jackson Scott.		