

\*BENEDICTION

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Let There Be Peace on Earth UMH, 431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE

Julianne Louise Brantley will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today.  
She is the beloved daughter of Matthew and Nikki Brantley and sister to Davis.  
Her proud grandparents are Lisa and Bruce Anderson, Ronnie Dennis, and Karen and Dean Brantley.

The altar greens today are given to the Glory of God with gratitude for this  
season of anticipation and in loving memory of  
Gary Bailey from Jennifer Bailey.

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

Attendance  
Worship 291 Online Worship 42, Sunday School 184

Gifts (\*Figures for November 30, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$11,646.14
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$956,228.47
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+ ).....	-\$110,057.53
	-10.32%

Capital Campaign (Figures for November 30, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$735.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	\$94,165.35

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....

	246,178.27
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Ways to Give

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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

Liturgist: Isaac Dusenbury

Communion Servers: Robert & Elizabeth Brown

Greeters: Berlin and Betsy Myers

Ushers: Henry Thompson, David Zoellner, Wayne Waters,  
Dick Prevette, Julie Parrish, Kyle Boczkowski



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

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

2nd Sunday in Advent  
Sunday, December 7, 2025

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

CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>The liturgical color for Advent in purple, preparing for the birth of Christ.</i>		
<i>*please stand in body or spirit</i>		
GATHERING		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	TRURO	UMH 213
<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED	UMH 881	
<b>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.</b>		
<b>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.</b>		
*GLORIA PATRI	MEINEKE	UMH 70
<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>		
<b>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.</b>		
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	TANOUYE FAMILY	
This Sunday we light the second candle, the candle of PEACE. We light it knowing full well that peace is elusive, and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.		

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.		
Welcome Christ into your heart in hope and peace.		
RESPONSE	VENI EMMANUEL	
<i>O Come, O Come</i> Emmanuel		
UMH, 211		
<b>O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</b>		
SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISTM		
- JULIANNE LOUISE BRANTLEY		
UMH, 39		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	ISAIAH 11: 1-10	T 640
ISAAC DUSENBURY		
This is the word of God for the people of God.		
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
PRAYER AND PRAISE		
CALL TO PRAYER		
ISAAC DUSENBURY		
The Lord be with you.		
<b>And also with you.</b>		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER	PAUL MANZ	
<i>E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come</i>		
CHANCEL CHOIR		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
<b>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.</b>		

DEDICATION		
OFFERTORY	HOWARD GOODALL	
<i>Love Divine</i>		
CHANCEL CHOIR		
*DOXOLOGY	LASST UNS ERFREUEN	
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
UMH 94		
<i>(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children's Moment)</i>		
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b>		
<b>Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		
<b>Praise God, the source of all our gifts!</b>		
<b>Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!</b>		
<b>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>		
PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	ES IST EIN ROS	
<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>		
UMH 216		
*GOSPEL LESSON	MATTHEW 3: 1-12	NT 2
REV. MICHAEL RITTER		
This is the word of God, for the people of God.		
<b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
SERMON	<i>Oh, It's You Again?!?!</i>	REV. MICHAEL RITTER
HOLY COMMUNION		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
COMMUNION MUSIC	ANNE POOLE	
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP		
<i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request.</i>		
SENDING FORTH		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	VENI EMMANUEL	
<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>		
UMH 211		