

We kindly ask that all year-end contributions be submitted by 5 PM on December 31.

United Methodist Men – Volunteers Needed

United Methodist Men is partnering with PGA HOPE to support Special Olympics athletes, EMTs, and veterans. We are seeking a few volunteers to help serve breakfast at an event at Wescott Golf Course on **Saturday, January 3**. If you are able to assist, please contact **Rodney** at **843-709-0953**.

Your Help is Needed!

We'd love your help as we take down the greens! Join us on **Friday, January 2 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary** to lend a hand. Whether you can help for a little while or the whole time, every helping hand truly makes a difference. Thank you for serving!



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.

Ways to Give

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



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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

Greeters: Julie Parrish and Cheryl Blatt

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

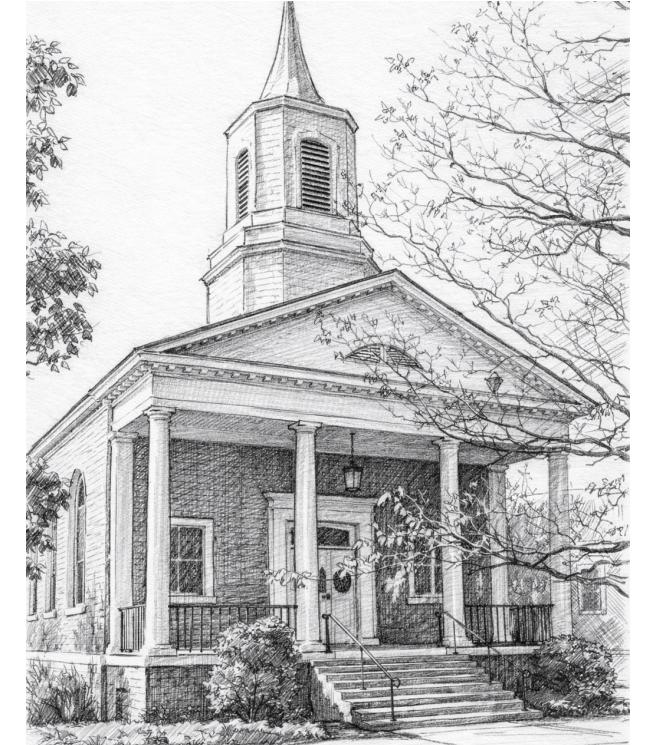
Michael Lopez, Organist

Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 28, 2025
10 AM COMBINED SERVICE

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The liturgical color for Christmastide is white,
celebrating the birth of Christ.*

**please stand in body or spirit*

GATHERING

*Please take a moment. Greet people sitting around you.
"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some
have entertained angels unaware."
Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

PRELUDE

JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO

* HYMN OF PRAISE

Go Tell It On the Mountain GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

UMH, 251

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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

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

ISAIAH 63: 7-9

OT 693

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

ROBERT MACGIMSEY

KYAI WARD, MEZZO-SOPRANO; JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO

* DOXOLOGY

What Child is This

UMH, 219

GREENSLEEVES

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

* GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 2: 13-23

NT 2

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Darkness Defeated

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF INVITATION

The First Noel

UMH, 245

THE FIRST NOEL

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

JT HO-MUELLER, PIANO