

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in heartfelt appreciation of all who shared their time and talents to make Bethany's Christmas ministries so meaningful and successful.



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: Meredith Buddin & Casey Canonge

Greeters: Roanna Payne & Linda Carter

Ushers: Bob Johnson, Jim Parrish, Larry McKeehan, Robert Brown



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



Ways to Give

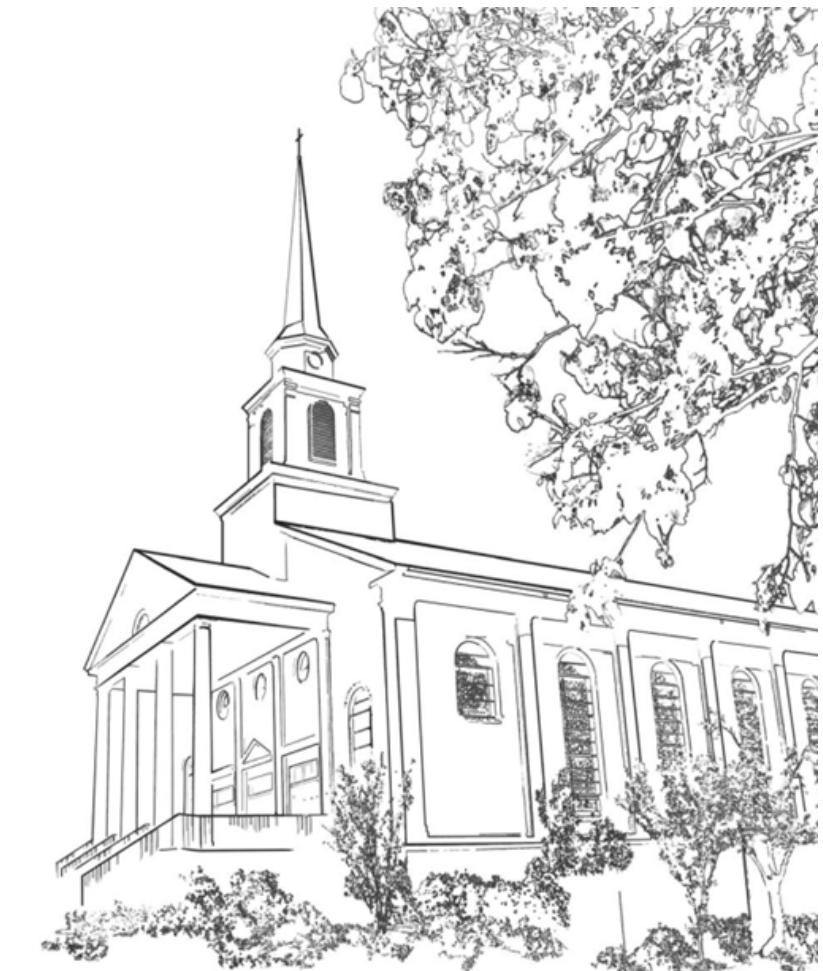
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If you know of a congregational care need that requires our attention,
please let us know. Sunday School Classes and Bethany members are
encouraged to reach out. Contact the church office 843.873.1230
or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

Epiphany Sunday

The liturgical color for Epiphany Sunday is white,
celebrating the three gifts of Christmas.

Sunday, January 4, 2025

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

*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. MICHAEL RITTER

PRELUDE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM
UMH 221

*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.

*GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1: 10-18

NT 91
ISAAC DUSENBURY

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.

ISAAC DUSENBURY

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

O Little Town of Bethlehem
VERSE 4

ST. LOIUS

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

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

Epiphany Carol
MAURICE BURGESS, TENOR; JACOB TURNER, BASS; MICHAEL LOPEZ, PIANO

STEPHAN CESARE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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 God, 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 31: 7-14

OT 734
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

An Awesome Homecoming

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION MUSIC

ANNE POOLE

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

We Three Kings
VERSES 1-4

KINGS OF THE ORIENT
UMH 254

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Three Kings
VERSE 5

KINGS OF ORIENT
UMH 254

Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE