


**CHARLESTON DISTRICT
JOB FUNCTION
WORKSHOPS**
SATURDAY
January 17, 2026
BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
118 W 3rd S St, Summerville, SC 29483

CLASSES OFFERED:
Administrative Council
Evangelism
Finance
SPPRC
Trustees
Worship

8:30 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Registration
9:00 A.M.-9:20 A.M. Devotion
9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. Class
Break
11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Class

Registration will be available mid-December 2025
THE REVEREND JEFFERY SALLEY, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Job Function Workshop

Bethany will host a Job Function Workshop for the Charleston District on **Saturday, January 17.** We encourage strong participation from our church so Bethany is well represented. The workshop will offer practical and informative discussions and a chance to connect with others across the district. Scan the QR code to register.



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

Attendance

Worship 273, Online Worship 37, Sunday School 208

Gifts (*Figures for January 4, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$10,022,.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$10,022,.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 4, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$400.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$400.00

<u>Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts</u> – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....	\$438.00
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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
Summerville, SC, 29483

(843) 425-1069



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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: David Powell

Greeter: Kristen Hepp & Thomas Yeargin

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

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

Baptism of the Lord

*The liturgical color for Baptism of the Lord is white,
celebrating the baptism of Christ.*

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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

CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>*please stand in body or spirit</i>		
GATHERING		
<i>Please take a moment. Greet people sitting around you. “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.”</i>		
<i>Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)</i>		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
REV. MICHAEL RITTER		
PRELUDE		
*HYMN OF PRAISE		
<i>This is the Spirit’s Entry Now</i>		
AZMON UMH 608		
*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		
<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>		
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.		
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON		
ISAIAH 42: 1-9		
OT 670 DAVID POWELL		
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.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER	
<i>O Lord, Hear My Prayer</i>	
CHANCEL CHOIR; MARGIE FENDLEY, FLUTE	
TAIZE	

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 ANTHEM	
<i>Borning Cry</i>	
CHANCEL CHOIR; MARGIE FENDLEY, FLUTE	
PHIL KADIDLO	

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced
the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were
but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to
find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were
raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone
to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to
guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gen-
tly closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced
the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

*DOXOLOGY	
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
LASST UNS ERFREUEN UMH 94	
<i>(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children’s Moment)</i>	

**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		
*GOSPEL LESSON		
MATTHEW 3: 13-17		
NT 3 REV. MICHAEL RITTER		
This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON		
<i>The Gift of Life</i>		
REV. MICHAEL RITTER		

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION	
<i>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</i>	
BEACH SPRING UMH 605	

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Irish Blessing
**May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.**

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of
the 28th wedding anniversary of Ed and Diane Roth.*