

*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 honor of our church family, with heartfelt gratitude for your open hearts, loving spirit, and warm welcome.
— Kristen, Bill, Hunter, and Adeline Hepp

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

Attendance
Worship 308, Online Worship 24, Sunday School 224

Gifts (*Figures for January 11, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$17,669.10
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$27,691.10

Capital Campaign (Figures for January 11, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1710.10
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$2,148.10

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

	\$3,847.00
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Ways to Give

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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

Liturgist: Charlie Davis
Greeter: James and Marilyn Nordine
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

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
The liturgical color for the season of Epiphany is green,
representing new life and growth .

Sunday, January 18, 2026

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

Great is They Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS
UMH 140

*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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 49: 1-7

OT 679
CHARLIE DAVIS

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

REINDORF KYRIE

Kyrie Eleison

CHANCEL CHOIR

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

Distant Land

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR

I see a distant land: it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so
near. Come, join together, take the dusty road; Help one another: share the
heavy load. The journey may be long: no end in sight: There may be hills to
climb, or giants to fight:
But if you’ll take my hand, We’ll walk together toward the land
Of freedom, freedom, freedom.

I hear a distant song: it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer:
O Lord, we are many; help us to be one. ‘Heal our divisions: let thy will be
done.’ I know the time will come when war must cease: A time of truth and
love, a time of peace. The people cry, ‘How long? Till all our world can join the
song Of freedom, freedom.’

I touch a distant hand and feel its glow, The hand I hoped was there: at last I
know. Swords into ploughshares: can it all be true? Friends out of strangers:
start with me and you.

I see another time, another place Where we can all be one, one human race.
The walls will melt away, We’ll come together on the day.
Of freedom, freedom, freedom.

*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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

JENN HORRES

(Children ages K5 thru 2nd grade are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 214.
Remember to attach a Children’s Church sticker to your child and pick them up following worship.)

*GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 1: 29-42

NT 92
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

St. Andrew Christians

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

The Summons

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to
what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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