


Confirmation Classes

Begin February 22

Parent Meeting February 8 at 4pm

Scan QR Code for details or
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Oyster Roast

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SUMMERVILLE SALKEHATCHIE

SAVE THE DATE FEBRUARY 21

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

Attendance Worship 285, Online Worship 32, Sunday School 201	
Gifts (*Figures for January 18, 2026. These figures are unverified.)	
*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$20,341.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$48,032.10
Capital Campaign (Figures for January 18, 2026)	
*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$225.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$2,403.10
Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....	\$3,847.00



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
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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: MaryLynn Harlow

Greeter: Dennis and Margaret Kaltenbach

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

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

*The liturgical color for the season of Epiphany is green,
representing new life and growth .*

Sunday, January 25, 2026

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Jack Radcliffe
from Karen and Jackson Radcliffe and the Grossman Family*

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

Maker, in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA
UMH 88

*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 9: 1-4

OT 638
MARYLYNN HARLOW

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

Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer

FARRANT/HOPSON

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

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness

CRAIG COURTNEY

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness, wake your noblest, sweetest strain,
with the praises of your Savior let his house resound again;
him let all your music honor, and your songs exalt his reign.

Sing how he come forth from heaven, bowed himself to Bethlehem's cave,
stooped to wear the servant's vesture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
passed within the gates of darkness, thence his banished ones to save.

So, he tasted death for mortals, he, of humankind the head,
sinless one, among the sinful, Prince of life, among the dead;
thus he wrought the full redemption, and the captor captive led.

Now on high, yet ever with us, from his Father's throne the Son
rules and guides the world he ransomed, till the appointed work be done,
till he see, renewed and perfect, all things gathered into one.

*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

EMILY VICK

(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

MATTHEW 4: 12-17

NT 38
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

What’s Underneath Your Bed?

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

*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