

*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



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

**Due to the church cancellation last Sunday because of inclement weather, there will be no Treasurer's Report this week.
Thank you for your understanding.**



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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: Jamie Probin

Greeter: Shirley Scully and Linda Payne

Ushers: Mac Burdette, Jeremy Dunlap, Joey Herring, Greg Horres,
Shane Kersting, Debra Mahannah, Mark Watson, Travis Wheeler



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

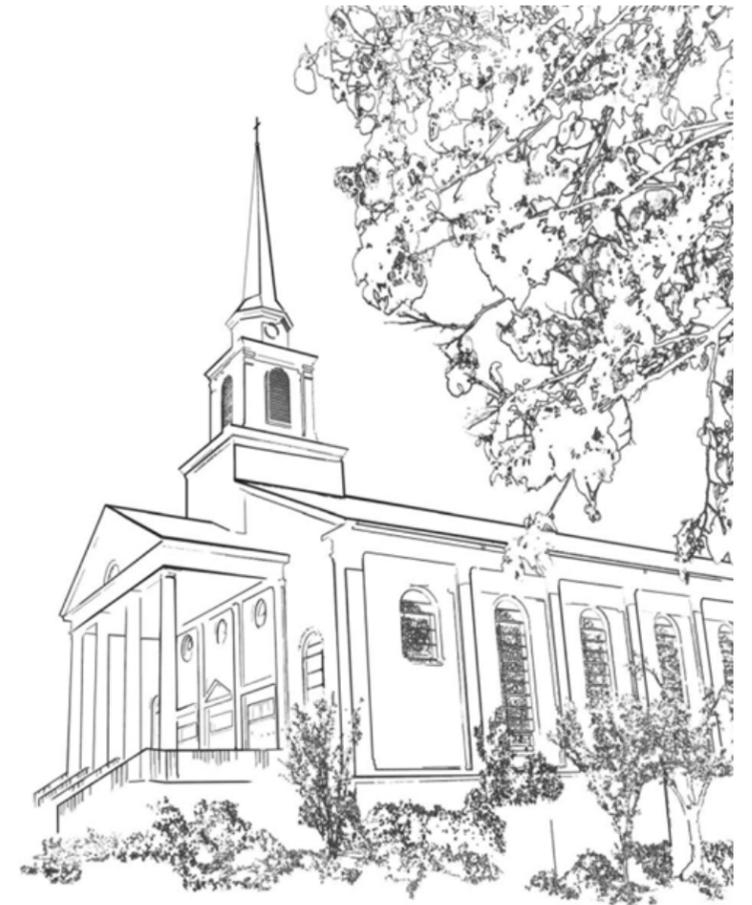
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

*The altar flowers today are presented to the glory of God
and in joyful celebration of Bethany UMC and
its many ministries that bless our community. Given with love by Ann Gill.*

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZON
UMH 57

*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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

UMH 38

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in the congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 58: 1-9A

OT 688
JAMIE PROBIN

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

Kyrie Eleison

CHANCEL CHOIR

REINDORF KYRIE

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

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

CHANCEL CHOIR

JODY LINDH

If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love built on the Rock that naught can move.

*Only be still and wait His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure and His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.*

*Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully,
and trust His Word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted Him indeed.*

*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

KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

*(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 5: 13-20

NT 4
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

A Light in a Dark World

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**