



**Wednesday
Worship Services
6:15 pm Spell Chapel**

February 25: Rev. Rick Rogers-Berry
 March 4: Rev. Jeffrey Salley
 March 11: Rev. Mitch Houston
 March 18: Rev. John Poole
 March 25: Rev. Schoneke Summerhill

The
Season
of
Lent

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

Attendance
Worship 373, Online Worship 29, Sunday School 213

Gifts (*Figures for February 8, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$50,297.45
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$155,500.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 8, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$3,480.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$12,813.10

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$20,877.45

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: Dr. Frank Monterisi

Greeter: Jennifer Bailey and Martha Proctor

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



PASTORS

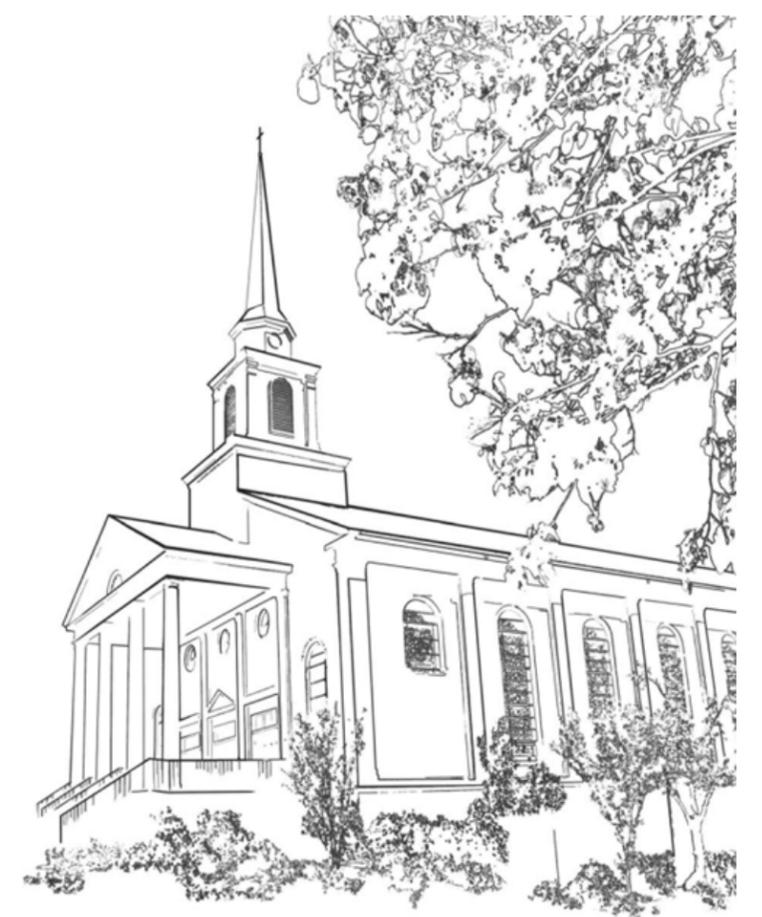
Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

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

First Sunday in Lent

The liturgical color for the season of Lent is purple, representing a time of penitence, preparation, sacrifice, and prayer.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard DuBose on the first anniversary of his entry into the Church Triumphant, by Nellita DuBose and family.

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



Ways to Give
 Scan this QR Code for PushPay online or text 833.245.8417 to give from your phone!

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

JIM & JEANNE GRIFFIN

Scripture: Luke 22: 39-46

Call to Prayer: Let us think about this first nail, remembering how the Disciples fell asleep in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. They could not stay awake; they were not able to be with a friend.

In Unison: O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We too have turned our back on you when you have called upon us. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

THE DRIVING OF THE NAIL OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

LAND OF REST
UMH 269

*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

PSALM 32

OT 506
FRANK MONTERISI

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

ANTHEM

You Do Not Walk Alone

CHANCEL CHOIR

ELAINE HAGENBERG

May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall—
You do not walk alone.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Humble Yourselves Before the Lord

CHANCEL CHOIR

HAL HOPSON

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 Will Be a Child of Peace

WOMEN OF CHANCEL CHOIR

ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity.
For well I know thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH
UMH 95

(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children's Moment)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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: 1-11

NT 3
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

Take on Something for Lent

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE
UMH 378

*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