

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Irish Blessing

LEE TURNER

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



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: Chris Rogers-Berry

Communion Servers: Sonny & Linda Grant

Greeters: Wayne & Tina Waters

Ushers: Billy Phillips, Tim McConnell, Lelon Fleischauer, Fred Skipper, Pete Knight, Donna Waite



Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, March 1, 2026

The altar greens today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob McAbee, beloved father of Karen McAbee and grandfather of Thomas Yeargin. Bob grew up at Epworth, and we give thanks for his life and legacy.

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

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.

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

Attendance

Worship 304, Online Worship 23, Sunday School 190

Gifts (*Figures for February 22, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$17,794.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$169,946.80
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$7,767.20
	-4.37%

Capital Campaign (Figures for February 22 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1,717.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$14,530.60

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$24,580.24



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

THE RODGERS FAMILY

Scripture: Matthew 26: 47-49

Let us think about the second nail, remembering how Judas betrayed Jesus. Judas loved his pride and rejected his master. Judas turned traitor and lost his way back.

O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We have all been selfish and insisted on our own way, and our way is dark. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

THE DRIVING OF THE NAIL OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*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

UMH 70
MEINEKE

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

GENESIS 12: 1-4A
OT 10
CHRIS ROGERS-BERRY

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

Humble Yourselves Before the Lord

CHANCEL CHOIR
AL 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

And Can It Be?

CHANCEL CHOIR
DAN FORREST

*And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—for me, who Him to death pursued?*

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown,
through Christ my own.*

Amazing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

-Charles Wesley, 1738

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95
OLD 100TH

**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

*GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 3: 1-17
NT 93
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

Nicodemus

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION ANTHEM

This is the Body and Blood of Christ

CHANCEL CHOIR
DAVISON & LUPINSKI

*This is the body of Christ given for us. This is the blood of Christ shed for us.
Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed.
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.*

*This is the body of Christ given for us. This is the blood of Christ shed for us.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

This is the body of Christ given for us. This is the blood of Christ shed for us.

COMMUNION MUSIC

MICHELLE LARSEN

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Freely, Freely

UMH 389
FREELY, FREELY