

SERMON

Down and Dirty with Lent

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

UMH 138
ST COLUMBIA

*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

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

Attendance

Worship 323, Online Worship 41, Sunday School 211

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

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$37,126.35
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$242,860.03

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 8, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$947.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$17,443.10

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted).....	\$29,076.34
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Ways to Give

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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: Linda Grant

Greeter: James & Marilyn Nordine

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



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

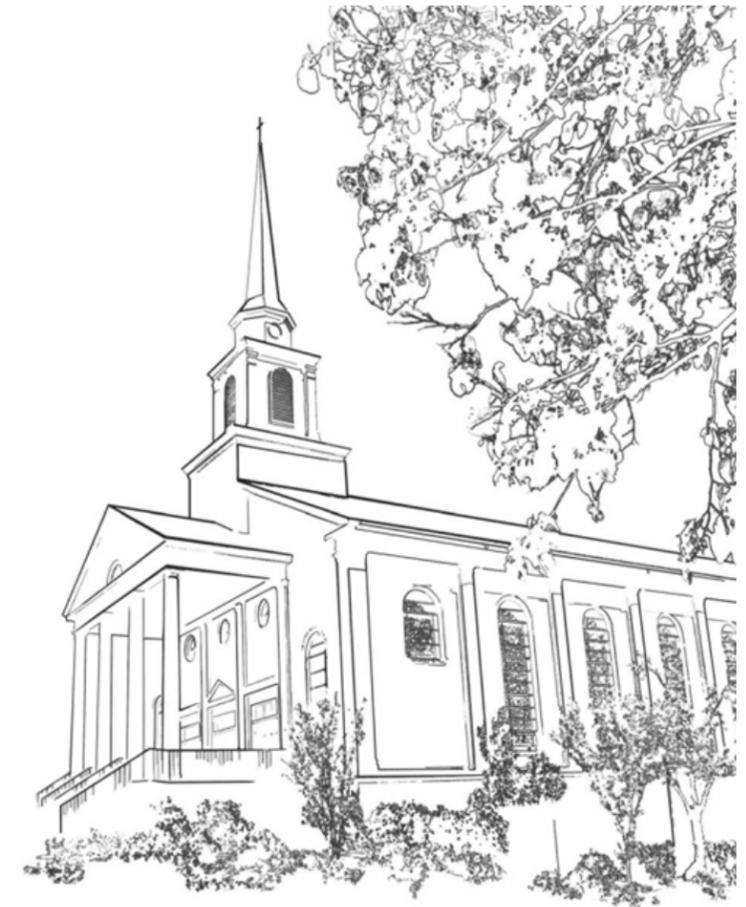
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, March 15, 2026

*The altar greens today are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of A.C. Holler Jr. with love from his children.*

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

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

CHANCEL BELLS
ARNOLD SHERMAN

CALL TO WORSHIP

BRICKMAN FAMILY
Luke 22:49-51

Let us think about the fourth nail, remembering that the disciples wanted to protect Jesus from his arrestors by force. A knife to cut off an ear, violence to have their way

O Lord, have mercy. Lighten our darkness. We betray You when we resort to anger and violence. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget. Amen.

THE DRIVING OF THE NAIL OF REMEMBRANCE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381
BRADBURY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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
MEINEK

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

1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13
OT 259
LINDA GRANT

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

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

HOLLY AVESIAN, HARP; REGINA YOST, FLUTE; SARAH TEUSCHER, OBOE

CHANCEL CHOIR
WILBERG

**My Shepherd will supply my need: Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath, drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God, attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come

PAUL MANZ

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

Feed My Lambs

HOLLY AVESIAN, HARP; REGINA YOST, FLUTE; SARAH TEUSCHER, OBOE

CHANCEL CHOIR
NATALIE SLEETH

**Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.**

**Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
Unto all who lose the way Hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.**

**Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My name, lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord.
As a loving shepherd of the Lord.**

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95
OLD 100TH

(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

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

JOHN 9: 1-41

NT 102
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