

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God, in honor of all mothers,  
and to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Kelly and Benjie,  
with love from Benjie, Hannah, Ellie, and Amelia.

The rose on the altar is placed in honor of the birth of **Brody Davis Wallace**,  
son of John Michael and Laura Wallace, and big sister, Bailee.  
Brody was born on April 30.



**Sunday, May 17**

*New Member Class*

**BETHANY BASICS**  
3-5:30 pm  
Friendship Circle  
to register  
call Mandy 854.429.1843

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

**Attendance**

Worship 283, Online Worship 32, Sunday School 206

**Gifts** (\*Figures for May 3, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$14,726.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$432,317.52
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	\$417,214.00

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for May 3, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1,395.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	\$41,915.87
*Building Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	\$42,584.00

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$84,503.81



**Ways to Give**

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833.245.8417 to give from your phone!

**Church Contact Information**

(843) 873-1230 After Hours Emergency  
118 W 3<sup>rd</sup> South Street (843) 425-1069  
Summerville, SC, 29483



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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:** Kyle Boczkowski

**Greeters:** Marilyn and James Nordine

**Ushers:** Gillis McAllister, Al Lyman, Betsy Myers,  
Berlin Myers, Dennis Kaltenbach, Toby Spahr,  
Andrew Sansone



**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

Sunday, May 10, 2026

**Happy Mother's Day**



**2026 Confirmation Sunday**

**CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS**

Emma Brickman	Amanda Jarvis
Parker Ham	Luke Biggs
Mackenzie Wheeler	Amber Moody
Raegan Clayton	Barbara Bassett
Ann Myers Watson	Maggie Lewis
Sara Jane Moody	Emily Watson
Kennedy Herring	Mindi Wheeler
Liv Jarvis	Rachel Brickman
Clara Wilmarth	Kelly Redick
William George	Greg Horres

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

# An Order of Sunday Worship

## 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

KEN MYERS

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Holy Spirit Come Confirm Us*

UMH 331  
FOR THE BREAD

### \*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  
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.**

## HOLY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

### CONFIRMATION AND HOLY BAPTISM

UMH 33

### THE FIRST LESSON

JOHN 14: 15-21  
NT 109  
KYLE BOCZKOWSKI

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

### ANTHEM

*Canticle of the Turning*

CHANCEL CHOIR; KEN MYERS, PIANO  
ANNE KRENTZ ORGAN

JOHN S. ROPER, FLUTE; ALISON HARVEY, VIOLIN; YUN HAO JIANG, CELLO

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.  
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

*(Children are invited to leave for Children’s Church.)*

## 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*

CHANCEL CHOIR  
FARRANT/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.**

### OFFERTORY

KEN MYERS, PIANO

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

1 PETER 3: 13-22  
NT 234  
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

### SERMON

*In God’s Presence with Honor*

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION

*Here I Am, Lord*

UMH 593  
HERE I AM, LORD

### \* 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

KEN MYERS