

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our confirmands and graduating seniors. May God continue to guide your steps and bless the plans He has for your future. Given with love by ASCEND Student Ministries.

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.



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

Attendance

Worship 283, Online Worship 32, Sunday School 153

Gifts (*Figures for May 10, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$18,476.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$450,794.02
*Operating Needs Year to Date.....	\$440,393.00

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 10, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$2,725.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$44,641.37
*Building Campaign Needs Year to Date.....	\$44,949.00

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$91,189.58



Ways to Give

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

Church Contact Information
 (843) 873-1230 After Hours Emergency
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Welcome!

If you are visiting or attend here regularly, we would love to get to know you! Help us connect with you by signing the hospitality pad located in your pew or by scanning the QR code.

Also, please feel free to speak with a member of our clergy or staff.



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Rev. Isaac Dusenbury

Greeters: Berlin and Betsy Myers

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

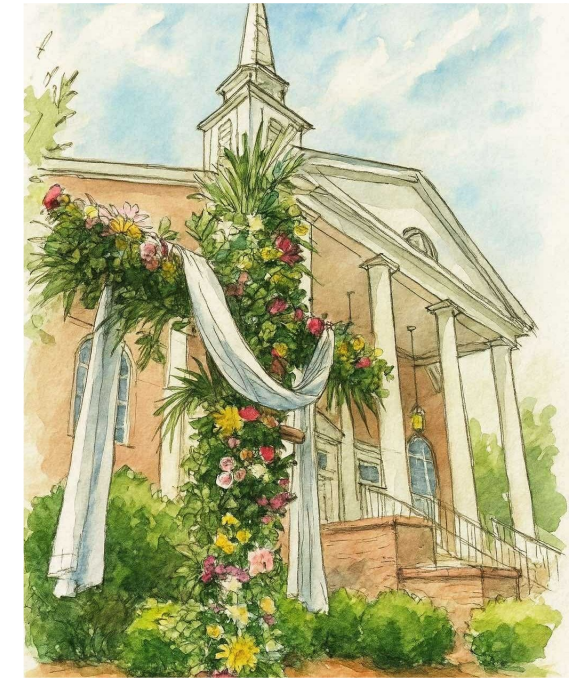
Our Care Team is here to support our congregation! If you know of a congregational care need that requires our attention, please let us know. Sunday School Classes and Bethany members are encouraged to reach out. Contact the church office 843.873.1230 or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday



Graduation Sunday

2026 GRADUATES

High School:

- Madeline Dean– SC Governor’s School
- Brinlee Cate Killiri– Summerville High School
- Ashley Oberman– Ashley Ridge High School
- John River Orvin– Summerville High School
- Ava Penn– Summerville High School
- Natalie Probin– Cane Bay High School
- Stephen Matthew Rauch– Homeschool
- Zander William Sieg– Ashley Ridge High School
- Caroline Elizabeth Wheeler– Ashley Ridge High School
- Ella Katherine Wright– Summerville High School

College:

- Emma Bassett– University of South Carolina
- Meredith Bassett– University of South Carolina
- Gavin Daniel Hunt- Virginia Tech
- Emma Ritter– Anderson University

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

Be at Peace

CHANCEL BELLS
MICHAEL BLANTON

CALL TO WORSHIP

*This is the Day
Let the Children Come to Me
Teach Me Lord*

CDC K4 & K5 CLASSES; ANNAMARIA MYERS, DIRECTOR
TRADITIONAL

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

UMH 89
HYMN TO JOY

*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.**

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

(Children are invited to leave for Children's Church.)

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1: 1-11
NT 118
REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

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

PRAYER AND PRAISE

ANTHEM

CHANCEL & YOUTH CHOIRS; KEN MYERS, PIANO
MAURICE BURGESS, YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
KEITH HAMPTON

Praise His Holy Name

Refrain

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his Holy name!

Refrain

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise His Holy Name!

Refrain

Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord!
Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah Oh, oh-
Praise High Holy Name!
Praise Him!

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Come and Find the Quiet Center

CHANCEL CHOIR
BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

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

Ascension

CHANCEL BELLS; MICHAEL BLANTON, DIRECTOR; KEN MYERS, PIANO
KEVIN MCCHESENEY

*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

LUKE 24: 44-53
NT 90
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON

Testing on Jesus

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707
HYMN OF PROMISE

* 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