ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 28, 2024 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude Holly Slice, pianist

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

*Hymn of Praise Blessed Assurance UMH No. 369

*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 51: 10-17 UMH No. 786

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return you.

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

For you have no delight in sacrifice;

were Ito give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer 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.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology UMH No. 95

*Scripture Lesson Romans 6:1-2,6-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Spiritual Emancipation Proclamation Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication Where He Leads Me UMH No. 338

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your
field; And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

^{*} Please stand

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Jim Inabinet who joined the church triumphant on January 24, 2024.

Announcements

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring will be next Sunday, February 4. All the money raised will go to feed local students in area schools. Bring your change, bills or cards to donate. Please look for kids standing outside the worship service when you leave to donate money or scan the QR code that will be available to donate from your phone! Donate to your favorite team and let's see who raises the most money!

Confirmation 2024

Confirmation is open to any and all current 7th graders and older youth who have not participated in Confirmation. If interested, please register at www.ascendstudentministries.org.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday**, **Feb. 18** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehrt, at 843.873.1230 or jsehrt@bethany-umc.com.

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am and 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel. Wednesday night Lenten services will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

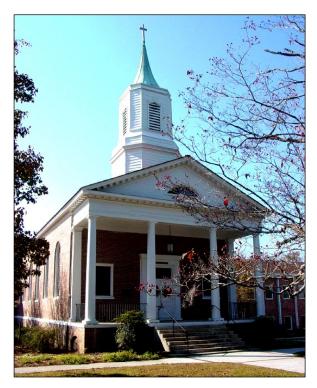
Wednesday Night BNOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. Each week features a homemade meal that you would eat around your family table. The meal for this week (Jan. 31) will be chicken tenders, mac and cheese, hot vegetable, salad bar, rolls and dessert. The Sunday School classes that will be hosting are Sue Knight and PEPR. Meals are \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors (over 65) and \$5 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$25 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household). Meal reservations are no longer required.

Wintertime Blues?

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring on sadness, and talking about it can help. Let Stephen Ministry share your burdens. Please reach out. For women: Sue Malphrus at 843.345. 9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457. For men: Denis Tsukalas at 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes.

Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1848.



Bethany United Methodist Church Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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