The Great Commission



Children's Sabbath Sunday
October 18
8:30 am Sanctuary

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

Attendance
Worship 310, Online Worship 31, Sunday School 197

Gifts *(*Figures for October 4, 2026. These figures are unverified.)*

*Operating Contributions Last Week	$21,226.50
*Operating Contributions Year to Date	$827,146.44
*Operating Needs Year to Date	$857,607.00

Capital Campaign *(Figures for October 4, 2026)*

*Building Contributions Last Week	$2,797.50
*Building Contributions Year to Date	$80,326.37
*Building Campaign Needs Year to Date	$87,533.00

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted) $187,790.39

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

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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.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist: Casey Canonge

Greeter: Paul Weinreich & Shirley Scully

Ushers: David Huffman, Marion Watson, Steve Davis, Christy Buddin, Jay Buddin

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

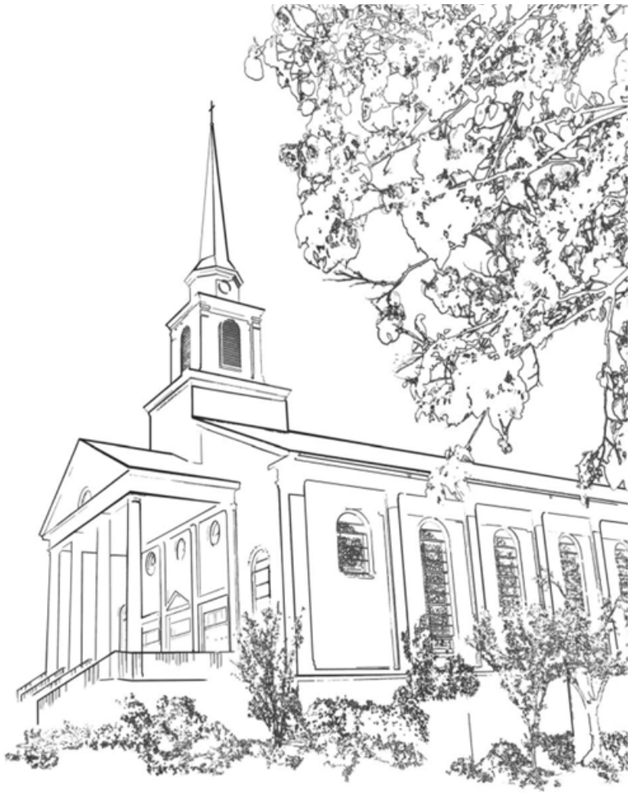
Nikki Brantley, Director of Children's Ministries

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

The liturgical color for the time after Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.

Sunday, October 11, 2026

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — George Howard

PRELUDE

*HYMN OF PRAISE — UMH 89
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee — 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 — UMH 70
Glory Be to the Father — 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISTM — UMH 33

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.

THE FIRST LESSON — Psalm 23, OT 501, Casey Canonge

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 — Chancel Choir
Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer — 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.

DEDICATION

OFFERTORY — Chancel Choir
Sing Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness — Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY — Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow — UMH 94

(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children's Moment)

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT — Nikki Brantley

(Children ages K5 thru 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church in Room 214. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child and pick them up ASAP.)

THE SECOND LESSON — Philippians 4: 1-9, NT 198, Rev. Isaac Dusenbury

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

SERMON — *Love is Gentle* — Rev. Isaac Dusenbury

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION — UMH 102
Now Thank We All Our God — Nun Danket

*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

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara Smith, by Keith, Michael , Andrew and family.