Sunday, November 8

New Member Class

BETHANY BASICS
3–5:30 pm
Friendship Circle
to register
contact Emily 854.429.1834 or evick@bethnay-umc.com

Thanksgiving Bag FOOD DONATION

GIVE BACK TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

MONETARY DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL NOVEMBER 9
PLEASE NOTATE "THANKSGIVING BAGS" WHEN DONATING

CHARGE CONFERENCE

November 15
Fellowship Hall
1 pm

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
118 W 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC, 29483

After Hours Emergency
(843) 425-1069

Follow us on Facebook!
Follow us on Instagram!
Visit our Website!

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: Steven Kirch

Greeters: Tommy Yeargin & Kristen Hepp

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

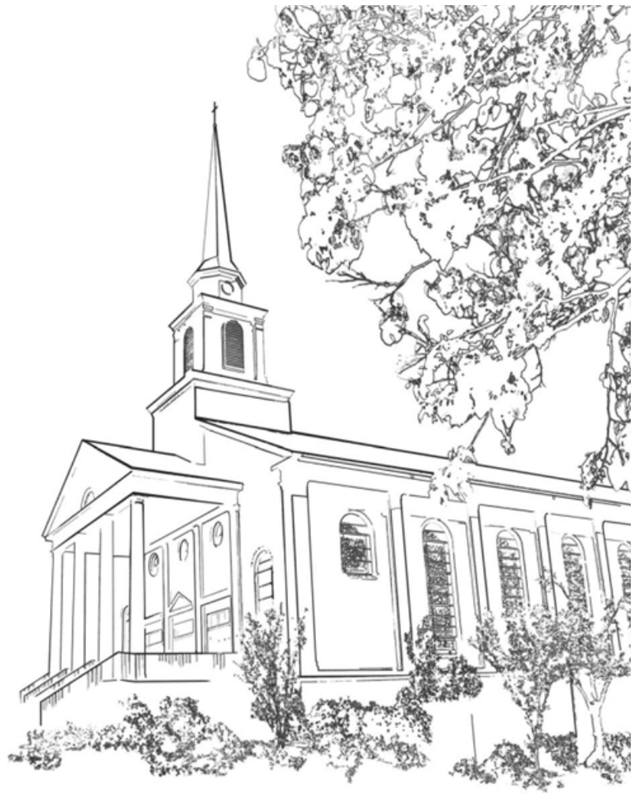
Nikki Brantley, Director of Children's Ministries

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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, November 8, 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

PRELUDE

*HYMN OF PRAISE — UMH 698
God of the Ages — NATIONAL HYMN

*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.

THE FIRST LESSON — 1 THESS. 4:13-18
NT 204
STEVEN KIRCH

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
This Is My Song — FINLANDIA

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; GREG SCHOONOVER, TRUMPET
America — MARY MCDONALD

*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 — MATTHEW 25: 1-13
NT 28
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

SERMON — *The Tragedy of the Unprepared Life* — REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION — UMH 717
Battle Hymn of the Republic — BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Irish Blessing — LEE TURNER

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind blow 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 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Tom and Pam Jeffries as they celebrate 50 years of holy matrimony. Given by Tom and Pam.