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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: David Powell

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

Nikki Brantley, Director of Children's Ministries

Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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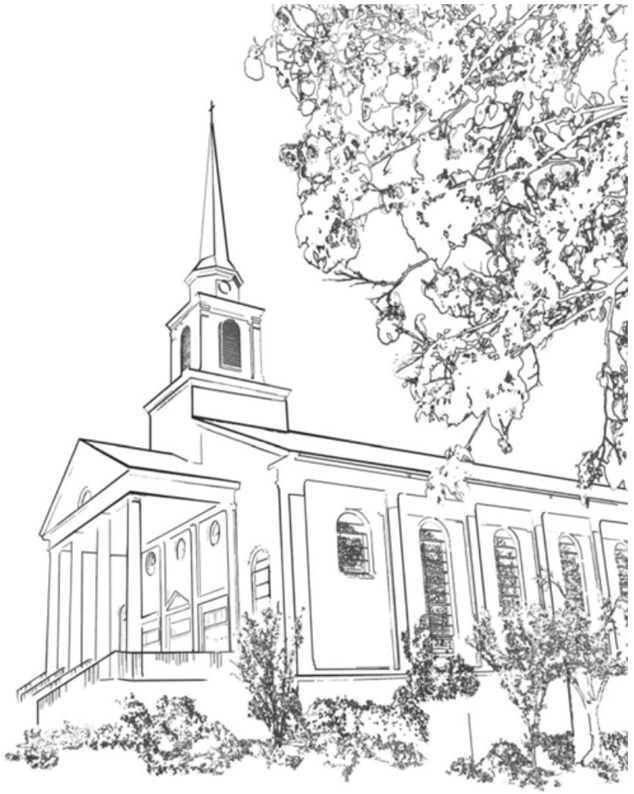
Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, November 15, 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 — Chancel Bells
Metamorphosis — Michael Helman

*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.

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.

ANTHEM — Chancel Choir
Be Thou My Vision — Paul Basler

THE FIRST LESSON — 1 Thess. 5: 1-11
NT 205
David Powell

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 Us — Arkhangelsky/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 Bells
Carillon — Bizet/T. Blanton

*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 — Charlie Davis

(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: 14-30
NT 28
Rev. Michael Ritter

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON — *Bethany's Got Talents* — Rev. Michael Ritter

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION — UMH 706
Soon and Very Soon — Soon and Very Soon

*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 loving celebration of Lindy's birthday, which was November 9. With love, Sunny and family.