

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.
As the prelude begins, please take your seat and center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.
Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *There's a Song in the Air* K.P. Harrington

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship (#608) *This Is the Spirit's Entry Now* AZMON

Opening Prayer

*UMH #545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

*Gloria Patri

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.

Children's Moment Kate Brown

As children return to their seats,
please sing the chorus of *Jesus Loves Me*.

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Anthem (#2251) *We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus* J. Ylvisaker

Prayers of the People

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.

Bethel Ministers and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Greg Cone, Custodian Assistant
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Reggie Rowell, Minister of Congregational Care
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Poinsettias

If you have ordered a poinsettia for the sanctuary, please feel free to take it home with after the worship service today.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The next meeting of the United Methodist Men will be on January 14th. We will meet in the PAB at 8:30 a.m. Our monthly donation is \$5.00 each to pay for coffee and donuts. All men are invited to attend.

AED / CPR Training

Have you ever wondered what the automated external defibrillator (AED) in the church hallway is for or how to use it? Bill Lucas's daughter has offered to come to church and lead an AED/CPR class. She could come one day after work, Monday - Friday, after 5 p.m., Saturday between 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Sunday between 2-5 p.m. Please let the church office know if you would be interested in attending that class and what day and time would be good for you. You may contact Sheryl at (803) 787-3050 or office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com.

Donations for the VA

Veterans at the VA need magazines for men and large print books for men. Please leave them at the church office. Thanks for your continued support of our veterans. Dave Barnes

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn

Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, and Dave Barnes

Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr

Acolyte: Micaela McDonald

Offering Counter: Kimberly Wilson

Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)

Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)

Connie Fowke (NHC)

Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)

Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)

Mac Marshall (NHC)

Frances May (Generations of Irmo)

Mary Ott (Pruitt Ridgeway)

Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)

Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)

Adelyn Price (Still Hopes)

Roberta Yount (Atria)

At home: Hannah Andrews (Janet Roberts' great-granddaughter)

Eugene and Joyce Appleman, JB Barnett, Ann Christopher (Julie Narang's

mother), Sara Derrick, Jo Dowdey, Margie Jackson, Ronald Jordan, Bonnie

Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Sibyl Staples, Verlon

Stone, Jean Tolbert, and Brenda Turner

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Wayne

Hairfield (Debbie Carter's relative), Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Pat and

Bethany Naser, Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), Joshua Furr (Karen

Furr's son, deployed to Syria)

The families of: Helen Overstreet, Joyce Varn, Joey Turner, Harry Parker, Russ

Pruett, David Hinze, Lucinda Miller, Fran Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson,

Margaret Alley McGregor, and Sarah Walker

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers to use at any time.

Offertory *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*
RESTORATION / BEACH SPRING

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Scripture Matthew 3:13-17
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Splashing in the Bath* Rev. Fran Elrod

Congregational Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant - UMH pp. 50-53

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*TFWS #2248 *Baptized in Water* Trad. Gaelic melody

*Benediction

*Postlude *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* G. Gabaráin

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone number—803-787-3058

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is **3:00 pm** on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the *Messenger* is **9:00 am** on the 3rd Monday of month.
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Sunday, January 8

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service with Guest
Pastor, Rev. Fran Elrod
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, January 9

05:00 Forest Lake Homeowners
Association Meeting (PAB)

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, January 11

09:30 Preschool Chapel with
Rev. Tiffany D. Knowlin (S)

Saturday, January 14

08:30 United Methodist Men's
Breakfast (PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, January 15

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service with Guest
Pastor, Rev. Joel Jones
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, January 16

Preschool and Church Office Closed
for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 17

07:00 Forest Acres Neighborhood
Association Meeting (PAB)

Wednesday, January 18

09:30 Preschool Chapel with Rev.
Adrienne Fink (S)

Saturday, January 21

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
PAB - Pool Activities Building
S - Sanctuary

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

Facebook: [bethelmethodistcolumbia](https://www.facebook.com/bethelmethodistcolumbia)

Youtube: [Bethel UMC Columbia](https://www.youtube.com/BethelUMCColumbia)

Instagram: [@wearebethelunited](https://www.instagram.com/wearebethelunited)

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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, January 8, 2023
1st Sunday After Epiphany
The Color is White.

Welcome!

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.
Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ
while you are among us and join us in sharing God's Good
News with the world. If you do not have
a church home, we invite you to become part
of the Bethel Church family.*