

## 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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* C. Young

Confession and Pardon (see insert)

Children's Moment Janel Bell

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.*

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.**

Offertory *Two Carols* Willis

\*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.*

## 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

## January Birthdays

01 Annabell Moore	17 Patricia Coleman
07 Dale Eaddy	19 Cappy George
07 Marion Wilson	19 Cheryl Martino
08 Ken Burger	20 Al Carter
10 Sheryl L. Jones	24 Paul White
11 Anna Bigham	27 Bonnie Lutz
15 Mary Ann Weir	28 Mary Ott
15 Debbie Farmer	30 Anna Cope
17 Gail Lucas	

## January Anniversaries

03 Travis and Julie Belman  
21 Channing and Sylvia Joye  
31 Bill and Gail Lucas

## Poinsettias

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

## 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

**Acolytes:** Cameron and Wyatt Wood

**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.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *How Shall We Begin?* Rev. Fran Elrod

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
*The Great Thanksgiving*  
(see insert)

The Breaking of the Bread, Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast  
At this time, you are invited to come up to the altar to receive the elements.  
If you would prefer pre-packaged communion elements, please let one of the servers know. After receiving, please use the outer aisles to return to your pew.

The Prayer After Receiving  
**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

\*UMH #117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* T. Matthews

### 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 1

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 2

Church Office Closed for New Year's  
Day

### Wednesday, January 4

Preschool Returns from Winter Break  
09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

### Saturday, January 7

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### 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)

### Wednesday, January 11

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

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

## Ways to Connect

Website: [www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](http://www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com)  
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING  
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**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.*