

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* Wesley / Darwall

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Praise Him! Praise Him!* JOYFUL SONG

Lenten Cross Moment Karen Furr

Opening Prayer

God of abundant grace, may your Holy Spirit be with us now as we worship you this day. Open our eyes to truly see one another, that we might discover your presence in the smile of a neighbor. Open our ears to the needs of the world, that we might hear your wisdom in the words spoken around us. And open our hearts to your grace and love, that we might find guidance and strength for the journey, for ourselves and for one another. Amen.

*UMH #89 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*Expression of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

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

Preschool Soup and Cornbread Fundraiser

This fundraiser, which was scheduled for Thursday, March 16th, has been cancelled.

Church Council Meeting

On Tuesday, March 21st at 6 p.m., a Church Council meeting will be held in the Pool Activities Building. Everyone is welcome to attend. Rev. Walter Strawther, the Congregational Specialist for the Columbia District, will share the Four Missional Priorities of the SC UMC Conference.

Collecting Can Tabs

The United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) are collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Columbia until May 22nd. They are also collecting used stamps for the Wallace Family Center until July 19th. Both items may be placed in the UMW's box in the conference room or given to Karen Stewart or Bonnie Speas.

2023 Leadership Directory and Church Directory

Copies of the 2023 Leadership Directory and the Church Directory are available in the church office. If you would like a pdf of either one, please let Sheryl know (803-787-3058 or office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com).

Pastor's Discretionary Funds

Thank you for the donations of \$205 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund last Sunday. With these funds, we have been able to provide a grocery store gift card to someone in need. In order to continue providing assistance to those who request it, please consider making a donation to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Any amount would be appreciated.

United Methodist Men's Boston Butt Fundraiser

The United Methodist Men are having a Boston Butt fundraiser for Easter. Tickets are available now for \$40 each, advance sale only. You may pick up your order in the back parking lot on April 7th, between the hours of 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Please see any UMM member for tickets or contact me. Dave Barnes, President UMM; davebarnes75@gmail.com; 803-240-8192

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolytes: Micaela McDonald
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, and Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Kate Brown
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Fred Brown
Lenten Cross Moment: Karen Furr
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr
Offering Counter: Jean Pulley

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, Ann Christopher (Julie Narang's mother), Sara Derrick, Jo Dowdey, Margie Jackson, 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), Anne Hynds, 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: Joyce Varn, Joey Turner, Harry Parker, Russ Pruett, David Hinze, Lucinda Miller, Fran Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson, Margaret Alley McGregor, Sarah Walker and Ron Jordan

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.

*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 Sue Farrar
Song of Joy

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 W.J. Gaither
He Touched Me

*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 Psalm 63:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Julie Belman
Sing for Joy!

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #536 *Take the Name of Jesus with You* Baxter / Doane

*Benediction

*Postlude M. Bell
Sing Praise to God

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, March 12 -
Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

11:00 Worship Service
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, March 13
Student Holiday / District One
Holiday

Tuesday, March 14
10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

07:00 United Woman of Faith,
Sylvia Hulseley Circle Meeting
(PAB)

Wednesday, March 15
09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Saturday, March 18
10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, March 19
09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, March 20
07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review
(PAB)

Tuesday, March 21
06:00 Church Council Meeting
(PAB)

Wednesday, March 22
09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Saturday, March 25
10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
NJ - New Journeys Room
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)

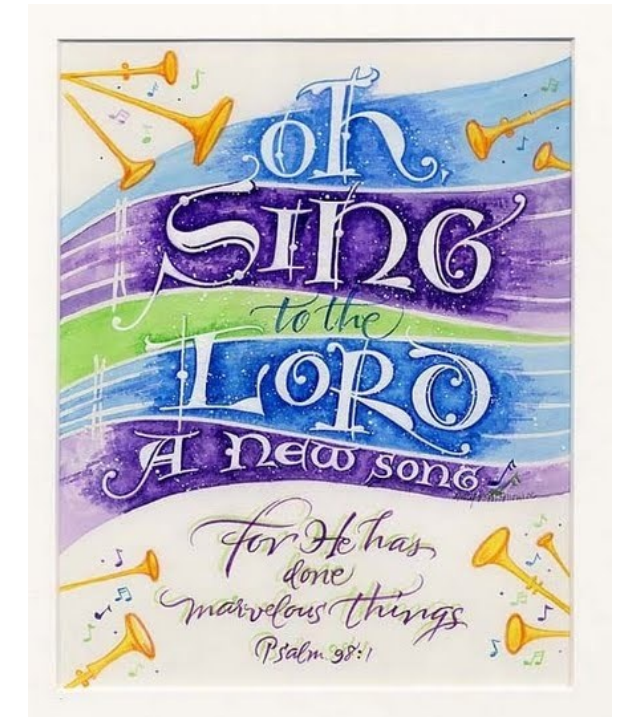
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent
The Color is Purple.

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.*