

## 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 *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* WIR PFÜGEN

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer* KREMSER

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #715 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* Charles Wesley (text)

\*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.**

\*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 Marian Scullion  
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.***

## Bethel Minister and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian  
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister  
Carol Burger, Preschool Director  
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant  
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

## Kudos on the Thanksgiving Cornucopia

Many thanks to Suzette Wilson for arranging the lovely cornucopia in the sanctuary today.

## Homemade Mats for the Homeless

Today we will bless the latest batch of 22 homemade mats Marcie Marshall has made for the homeless. To date, she has made approximately 163 mats using clean plastic grocery bags and plastic tablecloths. If you have any of these materials you would like to donate to Marcie's project, please put them in the bench across from the church office.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

This afternoon a Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Bethel. We'll have refreshments after the service in the Pool Activities Building.

There will be a Thanksgiving offering for non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Food Pantry at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. You are also welcome to leave a check made payable to Rehoboth United Methodist Church.

## Epworth Angel Christmas Tree

This year we are once again collecting gifts for Epworth Children's Home. If you would like to participate, please select an ornament from the tree in the narthex, and put your unwrapped gift under the tree by December 3rd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Martie Walker at 803-212-8256 or [mdtwalker@yahoo.com](mailto:mdtwalker@yahoo.com).

## Pastor on Call

Rev. Laurie Brandes, pastor at Rehoboth UMC, will be available for pastoral emergencies the week of Thanksgiving while Rev. Belman is visiting family out of town. Rev. Brandes' cell phone is 803-312-5083 and her email is [lgbrandes@umcsc.org](mailto:lgbrandes@umcsc.org).

## Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Zander Narang  
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes  
Children's Moment: Marian Scullion  
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn  
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr  
Offering Counters: Debbie Carter and Kimberly Wilson

## Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

### In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)  
Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)  
Sara Derrick (Atria)  
Connie Fowke (NHC)  
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)  
Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)  
Frances May (Generations of Irmo)  
Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)  
Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)  
Adelyn Price (Still Hopes)

**At home:** Eugene Appleman, Jo Dowdey, Peggy Grant, Eden Ellice Harper (Brenda Harper's granddaughter), Chris Huggins (friend of Carolyn Armstrong), Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon Stone, Donna Swygert (Velma Neeley's daughter) and Dan Toma

**Out-of-Town:** Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Iva Dell Griffin, Wayne Hairfield (Debbie Carter's relative), Anne Hynds, Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Pat and Bethany Naser, Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), Jackson Bell (Suzette Wilson's grandnephew at MUSC awaiting heart transplant) and Roberta Yount, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

**The families of:** Margaret Alley McGregor, Sarah Walker, Ron Jordan, Joyce Appleman, Sibyl Staples, Mac Marshall, Mary Ott and Jean Tolbert

**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 at any time.*

Anthem *Let There Be Peace on Earth* arr. Hawley Ades  
Ae Byrn & Marian Scullion

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.**

Blessing of the Mats for the Homeless

Offertory *We Gather Together* Netherlands Folk Melody  
Follow text in UMH #131

\*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 25:1-13  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Soul Tending* Rev. Julie Belman

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

\*UMH #159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Mendelssohn

#### 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, November 19

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

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

04:00 Community Thanksgiving  
Service (S) with  
Refreshments afterward  
(PAB)

#### Monday, November 20

07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review  
(PAB)

#### Tuesday, November 21

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa  
Smarr (PAB)

#### Wednesday, November 22 -

**Friday, November 24**  
Preschool closed for Thanksgiving  
Holiday

#### Thursday, November 23

Church Office closed for  
Thanksgiving

#### Saturday, November 25

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

#### Save the Date!

Church Council Meeting  
Wed., Nov. 29th, 6 p.m.  
PAB

CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
NJ - New Journeys Room  
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, November 19, 2023**  
**Christ the King 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.*