



Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2025, 172 years

"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."

November 23, 2025 - white



Sunday Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Nursery care for ages 6 weeks through 5 years available during each service.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

arr. Lorraine Hale

Prelude and Processional for Thanksgiving

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

INVOCATION

Heavenly Father, we come to You with hearts full of gratitude for the many blessings You have given us.

For the gift of life, for our families and friends, and for Your constant provision, we give You thanks.

Help us to always remember Your goodness and to live lives that are pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, Amen

*OPENING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine UMH No. 166

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH No. 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

Glory be to the Father

UMH No. 70

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Albert Malotte

Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. Judy Endean

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lynn Newsom

SCRIPTURE

Pew Bible Page 936

Psalms 100

Seth Moyer (8:30)

Joanne Davies (11:00)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH No. 715

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven (Lauda Anima)

arr./harmony – Michael Cole

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Cheri O'Rourke in loving memory of Marian & Richard Thompson.

The 2026 altar flower calendar is in the narthex
If you would like to donate for next year.



11/24 – Sarah Snow

11/29 – Al & Dian Litster

11/27 – Janet Fay

11/27 – Bob Bobko

11/29 – Al Litster

11/29 – Connie Budge

11/29 – Sandy Reichert

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:

November 16th offering – TOTAL - **\$6,220**

Attendance: November 16th 8:30 AM – **96**; 11:00 AM – **109** – TOTAL **205**

Adult SS – **14**; Nursery - **4**

November 9th on-line reviews: **12**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x0000/>

THIS WEEK AT BUMC

- Sunday, November 23: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Surviving the Holidays 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)
- Monday, November 24: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Tuesday, November 25: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's UMC 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, November 26: Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, November 27: **Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed**
- Friday, November 28: Disciple III 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Saturday, November 29: Decorating the Church for the Holidays 10:00 AM
- Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
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Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
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TODAY, November 23, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Music Suite. Light snacks will be provided. Contact Mary Ellen Parks (843) 368-1852 for questions or to register. You can also register at [GriefShare.org](https://www.griefshare.org).



Join Us Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00 PM at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Highway 170, 3080 Okatie Hwy, Okatie, SC for a Thanksgiving service. Bring offering – non-perishable items for Family Promise.



Bryant cembryant@gmail.com or call (843) 338-4440.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING HELP!

Volunteers needed to help decorate the church for the Christmas season **starting on Saturday, November 29th at 10:00 AM.** Contact Christina



As we give, we help provide daily bread for our neighbors as families face increased uncertainty and hardship. May our generosity be a reflection of God's steadfast love and His promise to provide for all who are in need.



In **NOVEMBER**, we will be collecting **Toys for Tots**. The program seeks "to provide comfort, emotional relief and hope to families by distributing toys to their children." Let's make a difference in the lives of children by bringing new, unwrapped toys. Let's fill up **several** boxes with toys for babies, toddlers, and older children.



Reverse Advent Calendar –

This is the BUMM's Advent project for local charities to assist our neighbors in need. Lists are available in the Narthex on what to bring each day for the month of December.



Pick-up between services or during office hours Monday-Thursday, 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. Those who ordered pies can pick them up from the refrigerator **(your names will be on them.)** For information on the pies, contact Russ Rymer at (843) 298-6566. Still accepting orders except for pies. You may put the order forms in the basket in Fellowship Hall near the kitchen.



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS NOW AVAILABLE

Devotional booklets are in the Narthex for those wishing to do daily devotionals during Advent.



Advent & Christmas Dates to Remember!!

- ❖ Surviving the Holidays, **TODAY!** November 23rd at 1:30 PM (Music Suite).
- ❖ Sharon Chilson's Christmas cards available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall \$2.00/card. Can't beat the price!
- ❖ Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's UMC - Tuesday, November 25th, 6:00 PM.
- ❖ Bluffton's Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 6th, 10:00 AM.
- ❖ Cantata Sunday, December 7th during both services.
- ❖ Live Nativity, Tuesday, December 16th, 6:00-8:00 PM. Enjoy the Christmas story and live animals. Weather permitting (no rain date).
- ❖ Carols & Croissants Congregational Sing-a-Long – Saturday, December 20th, 10:30 AM (Sanctuary). Experience the joy of Christmas with a morning treat and some good old-fashioned carol singing.
- ❖ Quiet Christmas - Sunday, December 21st, 5:00 PM (Music Suite). Spend some peaceful time with God and let God's Word and Music speak to your heart.
- ❖ Christmas Eve Services – Wednesday, December 24th, Noon, 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM.



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PRAYER CONCERNS – Call the church office (843) 757-3351 for updates.

Rebecca Adler & Family	Jane Grim	Mike Parrot
Daniel Alba	Sue Hand	Michael Patterson
Helen & George Anderson	Vic Herbert	April Pinderski
Jennifer Anthony	Jane Johnson	Evelyn Reddish
Rocky Austin	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Edgar Rickard
Bob & Jenny Brannen	Vera Jones	Tori Rinehart
Dave Brown	Sam Kenyon	Joanne Rymer
Jason Brown	Barbara Klekner	Ruth Schneid
Sharon Chilson	Paul Laughlin	Drinda Sipprell
Diane Ciba	Ron McAbee	Linda Allen Smith
Lynn Cleveland	Doug McGill	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Pat Cleveland	Jennie Margaret McMurray	William Stevens
Heidi Clevenger	Venus Mendoza	Sara Torres
Greg & Pat Crews	James Morgan	Kris Wichmann
David De Paolis	Marilyn Moore	
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Michelle O'Connor	
Richard Falon	Mackenzie Orth	