

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

11 a.m.

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

(Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the blue Friendship book in pew)

Prelude: "He Knows My Name"..... Bawden

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

**People: Let us hold fast to our confession.**

*Leader:* For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**People: But we have one who in every respect has been tested, as we are, yet without sin.**

**All: Let us, therefore, approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.**

\*Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" .....# 469

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord of all creation, Your Word is trustworthy, and Your promises are sure. In spite of this, I struggle with trusting You enough to surrender to Your better way. I often succumb to my own devices and desires, foolishly hoping I can order my life without conscious dependence on You. Grant me the grace to believe that You really do know what is best for me and that I don't. Help me to return to each day to my walk with You beside me.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri.....# 579

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Anthem: "God Leads Us Along" .....Young

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 2:15-25, 3:1-7, Old Testament page 2.....Nancy Thomas

Romans 5:12-14, 18-21, New Testament page 156 ..... Doug Richardson

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon ..... "Our Second Adam"

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith: (Taken from "The Theological Declaration of Barmen 8.04")

**If you find that we are speaking contrary to Scripture, then do not listen to us! But if you find we are taking our stand upon Scripture, then let no fear or temptation keep you from treading with us the path of faith and obedience to the Word of God.**

\*Hymn: "God of Great and God of Small" .....insert

Call to Offering

(Offerings may be placed in the plates at the double doors upon entering or leaving the sanctuary)

Offertory: "Hymn Medley".....Bradbury/Wells

\*Offertory Prayer

\*The Doxology .....# 591

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn: "I Danced in the Morning" .....# 302

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: "O God, You Are My God" .....

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways.**

**And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

Postlude: "Now I Belong To Jesus" ..... Clayton

\* Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### STAFF

**Pastor** Henry Meeuwse  
**Choir Director/Pianist** Glenn Carter  
**Financial Secretary** Sharon Courtney  
**Clerical Secretary** Gail McCormack  
**Custodians** Dorothy Frazier and Kristy Bucklew

### CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator** Henry Meeuwse  
**Clerk of Session** Janis Blocker  
**Co- treasurers** Billie Clark and Kim Miller

### SESSION COUNCIL

<b>Moderator:</b> Henry Meeuwse	<b>Clerk of Session:</b> Janis Blocker	
<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>
Calvin Bailey	Mike Crosby	Lenore Hickman
Sammy Hiott	Martha Johnson	Michael Marshall
Bonnie Mesick	Kim Miller	Libby Steadman

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Discipleship:** Sammy Hiott, chair  
**Congregational Care:** Bonnie Mesick and Libby Steadman, co-chairs  
**Fellowship:** Lenore Hickman and Martha Johnson, co-chairs  
**Property:** Mike Crosby and Michael Marshall, co-chairs  
**Stewardship/Finance:** Calvin Bailey and Kim Miller, co-chairs  
**Personnel:** Sammy Hiott, chair

**Cemetery Caretaker:** Michael Hickman

**Pastor Henry:** 843-830-8078; [henrymeeuwse@gmail.com](mailto:henrymeeuwse@gmail.com)  
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## Bethel Presbyterian Church

ORGANIZED 1728

Walterboro, South Carolina

Henry Meeuwse, Commissioned Pastor

## BETHEL FAMILY

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” – Romans 12:15  
If anyone needs to be added to the prayer list, contact Janis Blocker (janisblocker@gmail.com)

### Members and Attendees

**Mary Ann Burt** (burtm0765@gmail.com)

**Joyce Chaplin** (jbctori@gmail.com)--Colleton Medical Center (Room 404)

**Bobbi Hiott** (bobbigirlsc@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Meshach** (jennifermeshach@gmail.com) – surgery scheduled Nov. 1

**Nancy and Frank Thomas** (ths0323@aol.com)

### Extended Family

**Calvin Bailey** (mother)

**Buck Buchanan** (granddaughter Ashley)

**Carolyn Burns** (mother)

**Joyce Grimes** (sister)

**Art Lindsay** (Katie Crosby’s father)

**Bonnie Mesick** (John Burlingame at PruittHealth through Sept. 7)

**Bill and Donna Rogers** (nephew Scott Bell)

### HOMEBOUND

**Sara Lyle Koger** (843-835-5565)

**Duncan Lindsay** Columbia Pres. Community, 700 DaVega Dr., Lexington 29073

**Mildred Smoak** (843-782-4075)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** Bethel extends a warm welcome to Elder Doug Richardson, Dorchester Presbyterian Church, Summerville. A native of the Midwest, Doug graduated from UNC as a Morehead Scholar. He spent most of his career in corporate sales and marketing, retiring from Le Creuset of America. He now works as a commercial real estate broker. Doug serves at presbytery level on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and New Church Development. As a recent graduate of the SC School of Theology, Doug is eligible to serve a church as a commissioned pastor. He and wife Julie, also an ordained elder, are parents of two adult sons.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed by Joan Girardeau to the Glory of God and in memory of her granddaughter Shellie K. Barker.

**ELECTION OF ELDERS-ELECT:** At the special meeting of the congregation last Sunday, Gary Hutchison was elected to serve the unexpired term of Kim Miller in the Class of 2024. Calvin Bailey, Brooke Parker, and Nancy Thomas were elected to serve in the Class of 2026. Already ordained, these four elders will be installed in a service in January 2024.

**SESSION:** The Session Council will meet Wednesday, September 20, at 5:15 p.m.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** The choir will practice Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., following the meeting of Session.

**BETHEL FAMILY LUNCH:** The Fellowship Committee will host a spaghetti lunch following the worship service October 8 in Douglas Hall. All food will be prepared by the committee. Members are asked to provide a dessert dish.

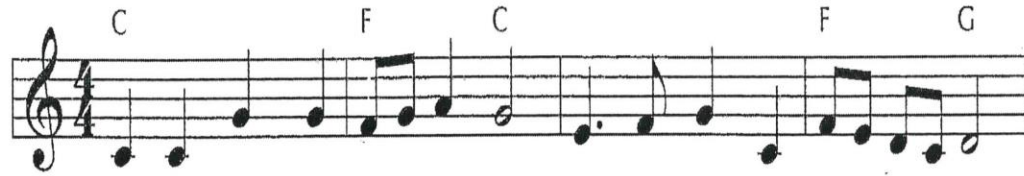
**“FIRST STEPS”:** Bethel has supported Christmas giving to children and families in the “First Steps” program for several years. Those who wish to contribute monetarily may begin making those donations now. Just earmark checks for “First Steps.” Elders Janice Young and Martha Johnson serve on the board and will provide more information later on how to volunteer other support. Mary Kaye Bailey is employed by the program.



Sept 24	Stedman
Oct 1	RESERVED
Oct 8	Young
Oct 15	Carter
Oct 22	Hiott
Oct 29	Johnson



# God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.