

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2026

11 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

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

Prelude: “Aria on “Jewels” ..... arr. Wood

\*Call to Worship (from the *Presbyterian Outlook* Order for Worship)

*Leader:* O Lord, open our lips,

**People:** and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Leader:* God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

**People:** We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears.

*Leader:* Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

**People:** Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

*Leader:* Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

**People:** Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

\*Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... # 276

Prayer of Praise

(be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison) (from the *Presbyterian Outlook* Order for Worship)

**Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions, and individual strength rather than trusting you. We confess that it is easier to bring you sacrifices and offerings rather than offering our lives to you. We search for delight in all the wrong places. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you, the source of life and love, at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri ..... #579

### PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Jesus, the Light of the World” ..... Elderkin

Scripture Lessons:

Psalm 40:1-11, Old Testament page 513 ..... Libby Steadman

John 1:29-42, New Testament page 92 ..... Jim Deavor

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon ..... “What Are You Looking For?”

### THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith (F-1.01, PCUSA *Book of Order*)..... insert

\*Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”..... # 10  
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

Call to Offering

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

Offertory: “Spirit, Breathe on Me” ..... Schram

\*The Doxology ..... # 592

Offertory Prayer

### GO IN GOD’S NAME

\*Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” ..... # 326  
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” ..... Walter

**Arise, your light is come!**

**The Spirit’s call obey.**

**Show forth the glory of your God,**

**Which shines on you today.**

Postlude: “Trumpet Tune” ..... Haan

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### STAFF

Pastor	Henry Meeuwse
Clerical Secretary	Gail McCormack
Financial Secretary	Melodie Ellis
Sexton	Willie Lawery

### CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator	Henry Meeuwse
Clerk of Session	Janis Blocker
Co-treasurers	Calvin Bailey & Billie Clark

### SESSION COUNCIL

Moderator: Henry Meeuwse    Clerk of Session: Janis Blocker

<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Calvin Bailey	Martha Johnson	Steve Bazzle
Brooke Parker	Barbara Meetze	Libby Steadman
Nancy Thomas		

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Discipleship	Brooke Parker, chair
Congregational Care	Libby Steadman, chair
Fellowship	Martha Johnson, chair
Property	Steve Bazzle, chair
Stewardship/Finance	Barbara Meetze, chair
Personnel	Nancy Thomas, chair
Nominating	Martha Johnson, chair

### PRESBYTERY

Commissioner to 227<sup>th</sup> PCUSA General Assembly (2026): Henry Meeuwse  
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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**

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**Mary Catherine Plowden** (843-616-2087)  
**Elfi vonLehe** (131 Hidden Fawn Circle, Goose Creek 29445)

**EXTENDED FAMILY**

**Buck Buchanan** (granddaughter Ashley)  
**Billie Clark** (sister Virginia)  
**Katie Crosby** (father Art Lindsay, brother Duncan Lindsay, brother-in-law John Cole)  
**Joyce Grimes** (12-year-old granddaughter Abigail Grimes; sister)  
**Lenore Hickman** (son Bill)  
**Gail McCormack** (father Dan Reeves)

**HOMEBOUND**

**Sara Lyle Koger** (843-835-5565)  
**Duncan Lindsay** Columbia Pres. Community, 700 DaVega Dr., Lexington 29073  
**Mildred Smoak** (843-782-4075)



**January birthdays:** January 2, Keith Marshall; January 3, Jim Bailey; January 5, Bonnie Mesick; January 17, Libby Steadman; January 24, Anne Gunnels

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed by Buck and Mary Ann Buchanan to the Glory of God.

**CHOIR:** The choir will practice Wednesday, at 4 p.m., in the sanctuary.

**SESSION RETREAT AND MEETING:** Session’s annual retreat to review the past year and plan for the new one will be Saturday, January 31, in Douglas Hall, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding with the January stated meeting of Session.

**LOCAL MISSIONS:** Bethel continues to support “In His Name—Colleton” and Good Shepherd Food Bank through contributions from members.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** The national movement in the PCUSA to alleviate hunger began in South Carolina by a seminary intern in 1990. All contributions received Feb. 8 will be used to combat hunger in local communities throughout the nation. Bethel’s contributions will go to the Food Bank.

The sign-up sheet for flowers is in the Narthex. The cost for each arrangement is \$45. Make check payable to Bethel with “flowers” as the memo.



Jan 25	Carter
Feb 1	
Feb 8	
Feb 15	
Feb 22	Reserved

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**(F-1.01, PCUSA *Book of Order*)**

**The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation. Amen.**