

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

3rd Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 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: “There is a Fountain/The Old Rugged Cross” ..... Bennard/Wells

\*Call to Worship ..... Nancy Thomas

*Leader:* O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

*Leader:* O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**People:** **For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture, and the sheep of God’s hand.**

*Leader:* Let us worship God!

\*Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ..... # 356

Prayer of Praise  
(be seated)

Call to Confession ..... Nancy Thomas

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri ..... #579

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Anthem: “Fill My Cup, Lord” ..... Blanchard

Scripture Lessons:

Psaln 95, Old Testament page 550 ..... Mary Ann Buchanan

John 4:5-42, New Testament page 94 ..... Henry Meeuwse

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon ..... “The Woman’s Testimony”

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith ..... page 14

\*Hymn: “Open My Eyes That I May See”..... # 324

Call to Offering

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

Offertory: “The Invitation” ..... arr. Wells

\*The Doxology ..... # 592

Offertory Prayer

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah ” ..... # 281

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: “O How He Loves You and Me”..... STF #2108

**O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!**

**He gave his life. What more could he give?**

**O how he loves you; O how he loves me;**

**O how he loves you and me!**

Postlude: “Grace Greater than Our Sin” ..... Towner

\*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

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

### PRESBYTERY

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

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Walterboro, South Carolina

Henry Meeuwse, Commissioned Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

**Glenn Carter** (egcarter47@icloud.com)

**Joan Girardeau** (843-908-9285)

**Bobbi Hiott** (843-549-5845)

**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)

**Joyce Grimes** (sister and 12-year-old granddaughter Abigail Grimes)

**Lenore Hickman** (son Bill)

**Gail McCormack** (father Dan Reeves)

**Bill 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)



**March birthdays:** Paul Hickman, March 2; Witley Gunnels, March 19; Cathy Meshach, March 25; Anna Crosby, March 27; Jane Pence, March 28

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed by Libby Steadman to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, whose birthday is March 9.



**SEASON OF LENT:** This season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days—like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

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

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The PW will meet Monday, March 9, at 4 p.m. Heather Marshall will present the study on the letter *K*. Nancy Thomas will present the *Horizons* emphasis. The project being supported financially is "In His Name—Colleton."

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE:** The CCC will meet Monday, March 9, at 5:15 p.m., following the PW meeting. The committee will host the BETHEL BUNCH at a noon luncheon March 25. Pastor Henry will present the program. Sign up in the Narthex.

**WORK DAY at BETHEL:** The Property Committee, chaired by Elder Steve Bazzle, will sponsor a work day Saturday, March 14. Plan now to come between 9 a.m. - noon to work both indoors and outdoors. Join this fellowship of labor for the Lord.

**SESSION:** The stated monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, at 5:15 p.m.

**EASTER LILIES:** Lilies will be placed in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday, April 5. To place a lily or lilies, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Cathy Meshach with your request (cmeshach73@gmail.com; 843-909-4535). Checks in the amount of \$22 each are to be made to Bethel, earmarked "lily." The deadline to reserve is Friday, March 27.

**MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS:** The "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering Presbyterians join with millions of other Christians thorough this special offering to share God's love with people experiencing need. This offering is the single largest way Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. You are encouraged to support this offering on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Checks may be made to Bethel earmarked "One Great Hour."



Mar 15	Thomas
Mar 22	Meshach
Mar 29	Palms