

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

World Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026
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 Ellen Murray, pianist

*Call to Worship

Leader: People will come from east and west,
People: from north and south,
Leader: and eat in the kingdom of God.
People: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.
Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” # 442
(v. 1, 2, & 4)

Prayer of Praise (be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. However, we fail to live as good stewards of all that you have given us. We take and consume far more than our fair share. We often neglect the poor; we put our faith in earthly treasures; we cling to power and privilege. We forget that we are simply tenants of your vineyard. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Teach us to trust in you alone, through Jesus Christ, our true redeemer.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri.....# 579

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: The flowers are placed by Nancy Thomas to the Glory of God and in celebration of her sister Patsy Caison’s birthday.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: This special observance is today with the traditional serving of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion throughout the world is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of October to symbolize oneness in Christ across different languages, nations, and denominations.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE: The annual Stewardship Drive is this month. The Stewardship/ Finance Committee, chaired by Elder Barbara Meetze, is sending a letter along with pledge cards for financial giving and Time-and-Talent commitment. October 25 is Dedication Sunday. Return the cards earlier or on that Sunday. Be in prayer for how you can continue to serve Christ through your gifts to Bethel.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: The Personnel Committee, chaired by Elder Nancy Thomas, will meet Monday, Oct. 5, to begin work on the annual staff evaluations.

CHOIR PRACTICE: The choir will practice Wednesday at 4 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 12, for Bible study. Heather Marshall will offer the study on the letter *E*. Nancy Thomas will present the *Horizons* emphasis. Barbara Meetze will prepare refreshments.

FALL WORKDAY: The Property Committee, chaired by Elder Steve Bazzle, has set Saturday, October 24, from 9 am – noon or later for a general workday at the church, inside and outside. Mark your calendars now and enjoy the fellowship while you labor for the Lord.

MISSION EMPHASIS: Members and attendees have the opportunity to support these local missions: Good Shepherd Food Bank, Cemetery Fund, In His Name--Colleton, Colleton Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG), First Steps, and Benevolent Fund. Donations may be made at any time. Cards are on the table in the Narthex to send to those whom you honor or to a family member of one you are remembering. Make checks payable to Bethel, earmarked for the particular mission.

Acts 20:35: “. . . and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”



Oct 11	Reserved
Oct 18	Hiott
Oct 25	Carter

Gladys Murray Flowers provides the arrangements at a cost of \$45, payable to Bethel.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

STAFF

Pastor	Henry Meeuwse
Clerical Secretary	Gail McCormack
Financial Secretary	Melodie Ellis
Sexton	Willie Lawery
Pianist/Organist	Gail McCormack, Carolyn Burns, Ellen Murray

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

Class of 2026

Calvin Bailey
Brooke Parker
Nancy Thomas

Class of 2027

Barbara Meetze
Vacant

Class of 2028

Steve Bazzle
Vacant

STANDING COMMITTEES

Discipleship	Brooke Parker, chair
Congregational Care	Barbara Meetze & Nancy Thomas, co-chairs
Fellowship	Calvin Bailey, chair
Property	Steve Bazzle, chair
Stewardship/Finance	Barbara Meetze, chair
Personnel	Nancy Thomas, chair

PRESBYTERY

Commissioner to 227th PCUSA General Assembly (2026): Henry Meeuwse
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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

Janet Carter (843-908-3441)
Joyce Chaplin (843-898-1126)
Joan Girardeau (843-908-9285)
Bobbi Hiott (843-549-5845)
Heather Marshall (843-542-4389)
Mary Catherine Plowden (843-616-2087)
Bill Rogers (843-562-6987)
Elfi vonLehe (131 Hidden Fawn Circle, Goose Creek 29445)

EXTENDED FAMILY

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

Gary Hutchison (843-460-7191) Veterans’ Victory House
Duncan Lindsay Columbia Pres. Community, 700 DaVega Dr., Lexington 29073
Mildred Smoak (843-782-4075)

October birthdays: Janice Young, October 11; Sammy Hiott, October 20; Joe Meshach, October 28; Kristi Meeuwse, October 29

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Come to the Table”..... Cloninger/Nystrom
Scripture Lessons:
Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 118:22, Old Testament pages 634 and 565.....Janis Blocker
Matthew 21:33-46, New Testament page 24 Henry Meeuwse
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Prayer for Illumination
Sermon “Whose Vineyard?”

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call to Offering
(Offerings may be placed in the plates at the double doors upon entering or leaving the sanctuary)
Offertory
*The Doxology # 592
*Offertory Prayer
*Affirmation of Faith bulletin, page 4
*Hymn: “Just as I Am, Without One Plea” # 379
(v. 1, 2, & 4)
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper bulletin, page 5

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”# 379
(v. 1, 2, & 4)
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response: “Prayers of the People” STF# 2201
Lord, let your kingdom come.
Your will be done.
Lord, let your kingdom come.
Alleluia.
Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

A DECLARATION OF FAITH

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
They will come from East and West and North and South and sit at the Table in the
Kingdom of God.
The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

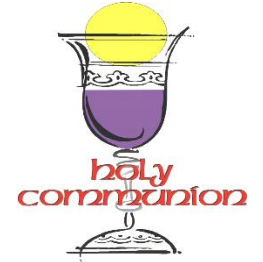
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Eternal and Everlasting God, it is right to bless you, and give thanks to you.
AMEN.*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad.

*We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and
for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son.*

*Born of Mary, he shares our life.
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.
Leading his followers, he guides us.
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.
Risen from the dead, he gives new life.*

*With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim his death and
resurrection. Receive our sacrifice of praise.*

**All: We give you thanks, O God, to whom be glory and honor and whose son taught us
to pray, saying ...**

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now
and forever. Amen.**

**Ecumenical Version*

SERVING OF BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING