

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 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: “Be Thou My Vision” ..... arr. Wood

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

**People: May we hear your call and speak your truth.**

*Leader:* Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

**People: Prepare us to be people of hope and grace.**

*Leader:* Lord, give us courage to live as faithful disciples.

**People: Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

\*Hymn: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” ..... # 474  
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

Prayer of Praise  
(be seated)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, hear our confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we often hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we often oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we often sow discord and breed fear. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri ..... #579

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

Anthem: “Blest Are They” ..... Choir

Scripture Lessons:

Psalms 15, Old Testament page 495 ..... Nancy Thomas

Matthew 5:1-12, New Testament page 4 ..... Henry Meeuwse

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon ..... “The Way of the Kingdom”

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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

\*Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ..... # 383  
(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: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” ..... Kirkpatrick/Thygeson

\*The Doxology ..... # 592

Offertory Prayer

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ..... # 388  
(v. 1, 2 & 4)

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus!” ..... STF #2129

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus -- no turning back, no turning back.**

Postlude: “Peace to All Nations” ..... Turner

\*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  
**Recording Clerk:** Janis Blocker

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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)

## CONDOLENCES

Bethel offers condolences to **Mike and Katie Crosby** and their family on the unexpected loss of 51-year-old **John Cole**, husband of **Terri Crosby Cole**, **Mike Crosby's** sister.

## MEMBERS and ATTENDEES

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

**Billie Clark** (txlegsinsc@yahoo.com)

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

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

**Heather Marshall** (843-217-3040)

**Mike Marshall** (843-542-4389)

**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)

## HOMEBOUND

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

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

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



**February birthdays:** February 2, Beth Aiken; February 5, Steve Sanders; February 17, Gail McCormack; February 26, Joan Girardeau; February 27, Donna Rogers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed by Steve and Bernie Bazzle to the Glory of God.

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

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Today is the "Souper Bowl," the national movement in the PCUSA begun in South Carolina by a seminary intern in 1990 to help alleviate hunger. You may put cash or a check in the soup pot in the Narthex as you enter or leave today. All contributions received will be used locally for the Good Shepherd Food Bank.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:** The monthly meeting of PW will be Monday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. The study will be the letter *S*, led by Janis Blocker. Nancy Thomas will give the *Horizons* emphasis. All the women of Bethel are encouraged to attend.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE:** The CCC will meet Monday, Feb. 9, at 5:15 p.m., following the PW meeting.

**WINTER PRESBYTERY MEETING:** The winter meeting of Presbytery will be Saturday, Feb. 14, at Dorchester Presbyterian. Calvin Bailey will serve as elder commissioner; Pastor Henry as pastor commissioner; and Janis Blocker as recording clerk of the meeting.

**SESSION MEETING:** The February stated meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 5:15 p.m.

**LUNCHEON:** The Fellowship Committee will host a luncheon Sunday, Feb. 22, to honor Bethel's seven Nifty Nineties. Meat and drink will be furnished. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert.

**MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS:** The annual "Dimes for Hunger" offering runs the month of February when members are encouraged to set aside a dime for each meal each day and dedicated March 1 for the local food bank (see insert).

**FAREWELL AND WELCOME:** Sharon Courtney, who served as financial secretary on the church staff for five years, resigned at the end of January for personal reasons. Melodie Ellis began January 1 as the new financial secretary. Bethel extends appreciation to Sharon for her excellent service and extends a sincere welcome to Melodie.



Feb 15	Reserved
Feb 22	Reserved
Mar 1	Buchanan
Mar 8	Steadman
Mar 15	Thomas
Mar 22	Meshach
Mar 29	Palms

## DIMES FOR HUNGER



In the late 1970s, textile mills, which had long been the economic backbone of the Fort Mill, SC, area, began to close. Many suffered as their livelihood diminished. In 1977, mission-minded Christians in Bethel Presbytery (now Providence Presbytery) devised a plan to ask each member of each church to give one dime per meal per day to provide food. The dimes started a feeding center and continues to feed the hungry in Providence Presbytery. Other presbyteries joined the concept, which and is now celebrated throughout the PCUSA. The money collected in each church is used to alleviate hunger in the local community. May we continue to give our dimes and dollars to feed the hungry. We have been blessed. May we be a blessing to others.