

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

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

January 19, 2025

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: "Be Still and Know/Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" ..... Tornquist

\*Call to Worship: (From Psalm 36)

*Leader:* Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness beyond the clouds,

**People: your judgments are like the great deeps, O LORD.**

*Leader:* How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.**

*Leader:* O, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

**People: and your salvation to the upright of heart! Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ..... # 387

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord, Your people have a history of forgetting You. They forgot You in the Wilderness. They forgot You when they had their kings. They forgot You in Exile. Lord, we are no different. Through the waters of baptism, we are Your people, and we still forget. We make plans without considering You. We go days without thinking of You. We imagine we can do life without You in the center of it. We are sorry, Lord. Please forgive us. Thank you for making us Your people and for never forgetting us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri.....# 579

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Anthem: "Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple" ..... Pratt/Haass

Scripture Lessons:

Isaiah 62:1-5, Old Testament page 692 ..... Mary Ann Buchanan

John 2:1-11, New Testament page 93 ..... Blake Hawthorne

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon ..... "The best is yet to come!"

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\*Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" ..... page 14

\*Hymn: "Near to the Heart of God" ..... # 527

Call to Offering

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

Offertory: "Alleluia" ..... Sinclair

\*The Doxology .....# 592

Offertory Prayer

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" .....# 383

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response "Joy to the World!" ..... Handel

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.**

Postlude: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ..... St. Thomas

\*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  
**Sexton** Willie Lawery

### CHURCH OFFICERS

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

### SESSION COUNCIL

**Moderator:** Henry Meeuwse    **Clerk of Session:** Janis Blocker

#### Class of 2025

Lenore Hickman  
Michael Marshall  
Libby Steadman

#### Class of 2026

Calvin Bailey  
Brooke Parker  
Nancy Thomas

#### Class of 2027

Martha Johnson  
Barbara Meetze

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Discipleship:** Brooke Parker, chair  
**Congregational Care:** Libby Steadman, chair  
**Fellowship:** Martha Johnson, chair  
**Property:** Michael Marshall, chair  
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**Personnel:** Lenore Hickman, chair

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## Bethel Presbyterian Church

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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)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **MEMBERS and ATTENDEES**

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**Nancy and Frank Thomas** ([ths0323@aol.com](mailto:ths0323@aol.com))

### **EXTENDED FAMILY**

**Buck Buchanan** (granddaughter Ashley)  
**Billie Clark** (sister Virginia)  
**Joyce Grimes** (12-year-old granddaughter Abigail Grimes; sister)  
**Gary Hutchison** (sister)  
**Martha Johnson** (friend Janice Young, mother-in-law Mildred, sister-in-law Gina)  
**Katie Crosby** (father Art Lindsay and brother Duncan Lindsay)  
**Gail McCormack** (father Dan Reeves)  
**Bill and Donna Rogers** (nephew Scott Bell)  
**Bill Young** (brother Charlie)

### **HOMEBOUND**

**Sara Lyle Koger** (843-835-5565)  
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**Mildred Smoak** (843-782-4075)



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** Bethel extends a warm welcome to Honorably Retired Blake Hawthorne. A native of Florence, South Carolina, Blake served churches in Middle Tennessee for 39 years before returning to the Lowcountry to retire. A strong advocate for service to churches not large enough to support a full-time pastor, he spent most of his pastoral service in bi-vocational work, serving small membership churches while teaching full time in the public school system near Nashville. Now calling Hanahan home, Blake and his wife Mel have five married children, eight grandchildren, and two spoiled pups. He continues to serve the greater church by supplying pulpits and serving on presbytery committees.

**FLOWERS:** The flowers are placed by Joan Girardeau to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Sheldon.

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

**SESSION RETREAT AND MEETING:** Session's annual retreat to review the past year and plan for the new one will be Saturday, January 25, in Douglas Hall, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding with the January Session meeting.



<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Crosby</b>
<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Hiott</b>
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Reserved</b>
<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Carter</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	