

Join us on Friday, January 27, for our Bethlehem Center “Celestial Celebration”. It will be an evening of food, entertainment and a silent auction. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased online at bethelmethodist.org ahead of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Fleming at jannerbf@aol.com.

If anyone is interested in purchasing altar flowers, please contact the church office at 585-4801 or bethelumcspartanburg@gmail.com.

Prayer REQUESTS

Art Hartzog	Martha Barnett
Cathy Hanks	David Holder
Eric Robertson	Carolyn O’Dell
Rick Gray	Arthur Cummings
Richard Davenport	Mary Cummings
Nancy White	Bruce Green
Rita Petoskey	Linda Seifert
Jerry Reitzel	



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children’s Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children’s Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, “Welcome!”

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *A Meditation on “Wonderful Peace”* John F. Wilson

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on 1 Corinthians 1: 10-19)

Now I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, because we all come with so many questions, so many things that we need to ask God, so many things that we don't quite understand.

We bring all of these unanswered questions together in our worship and our praise of the One who reminds us that we belong.

We belong here in this family of faith. We belong to each other and to our God. Praise God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *“Jesus Calls Us”* UMH 398

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalms 27* UMH 758

Offering

Offertory *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* Adolph Hesse
Kristine Lee, organ

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation *“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”* UMH 348
During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Time of Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”* arr. John Wilson
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 4: 12-23
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *“Following the Call”* Rev. Megan Gray

*Hymn *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”* UMH 593

*Benediction

*Postlude *Fanfare on “Austrian Hymn”* Gordon Young

**Please stand if able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Andy Cannon

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God