



# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

November 17, 2024  
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909  
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## WELCOME

Our hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Guests, we are happy you are with us and hope we have extended to you a warm welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask any member about our church and the activities we offer. The informative information, located in the bins in the back of the church, provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please let us know you were with us today by signing the BLUE REGISTRATION PAD located at the end of each pew.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call his cell phone for an appointment (864-704-0728).

## MEETINGS:



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**Will Ross**, Lay Leader

**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost      November 17, 2024

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Kathy and Jim Smith

10:15 – Harriet McCauley and Amy Erickson

**PRELUDE:** “*I’ve Got Peace Like a River*”      arr. Hayes

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity      (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“*Family of God*”

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** “*I Believe*”      Pat and Will Ross

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING**      Psalm 113      No. 834

**\*GOSPEL READING**      Mark 13:1-8

8:30 – Jim Smith

10:15 – Michelle Cramer

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

“*Great is Thy Faithfulness*”      No. 140

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      No. 881

**\*GLORIA PATRI** “*Glory Be to the Father*”      No. 70

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**      No. 895

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/  
OFFERTORY** “*He Knoweth the Way*”

**\*DOXOLOGY**      No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** “*God Will Take Care of You*”      No. 130

Verses 1, 3 & 4

**SCRIPTURE:**      Mark 13:1-8

**MESSAGE:**      “These Things Must Happen”  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“*I Am Thine, O Lord*”      No. 419

Verses 1 & 4

Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4<sup>th</sup> verse

*All are welcome to come to the altar to lift prayers and  
praises during the last hymn.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*“God Be with You Till we Meet Again”** (Hymnal inside back cover)

**\*POSTLUDE:** “*Send the Light*”

*\*Please stand as able.*

St. Luke's UMC will be hosting a combined THANKSGIVING SERVICE with Bluffton UMC on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Following the church service there will be a gathering in our Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

COOKIE EXCHANGE - Tuesday, December 3, 5:00 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30-7:30 every Tuesday; GOSPEL BAND following at 7:30. Anyone interested is welcome!

MISSIONS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Please return all boxes TODAY.

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PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY - Next Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, the "Adopt a Student" or "Angel Tree" board full of names will be displayed in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions before then, please contact Lois Willig.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - Please note that there will be NO blanket ministry in November or December.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Saturdays and Wednesdays, from 10:00 - 12:00. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fresh food to local families.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP - Donated items will be collected the first Sunday of the month. Items can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE is here to help if you are going through an illness or another crisis by providing meals and caring phone calls. If you need some support or would like to help in this ministry, please contact Marie Baldauf.

BIRTHDAYS:

Ouida Dell, 11/18  
June Hamilton, 11/19 (99 years)  
Cynthia Thompson, 11/20

ANNIVERSARIES:

No anniversaries

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pastor Chris in memory of Charles E. Thompson and in honor of Cynthia Thompson.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS - Please contact Amy Erickson if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting. The Fellowship Hall calendar is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for GREETERS/USHERS and GOSPEL READERS for both the 8:30 and 10:15 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sariscak or Amy Erickson.

Please send information for UPCOMING MEETINGS, BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS and the PRAYER REQUEST LIST to Amy Erickson and Linda Metcalf.

You tip the waitress: Have you given an extra 20% to the Lord?

## CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan                      Beth King                      Candace Payne  
Andy & Sharon Makarick      Rob Clark\*                      Letty Husson  
Linda Jackson                      Emma Jo Busby

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany  
Lynette Hassinger, sister of Leslie Richards  
Wilda Reed, mother of Jack Reed  
Luke, grandson of Leslie Richards  
Teena Deer, friend of Elizabeth Vance  
Lindsey Morgan, daughter of Leslie Richards  
Katherine, sister of Linda Jackson  
Tom Smith, nephew of Lois Willig  
Gary Landin, husband of Judi Landin  
Edward, brother of Debra Burr  
Fred Schaltegger, brother of Rich Schaltegger  
Don Mehlin, son-in-law of Linda Stutsman  
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen  
Shannon, friend of Judi Landin  
Mark and Jill Houser, cousin of Amy Erickson and his wife  
McKayla, daughter of Susie and Michael Brown  
Peter, neighbor of Fran Iacova  
Rick, acquaintance of Fran Iacova  
George, pastor at Sherri Prosser's father's church  
Rebecca, friend of Leslie Van  
Winnie, friend of Letty and Bill Husson  
Dave Nicholson, brother-in-law of Carla Carte  
Bobby, son of Tina Blount  
Ron Young, friend of Kathy Smith  
Nathaniel, nephew Don McKay  
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen  
Amy, daughter of friend of Pat Schwartz, and Pat's friend, Lynn  
Becca, friend of Nancy Sariscak and Diana Hamilton  
Christopher, nephew of Barbara Silcox  
Blake, acquaintance of Rose Kooper  
Rita Campi, neighbor of John and Nancy Sariscak

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to Jennifer Dalton,  
Kathy Smith's stepdaughter, on the passing of her mother.*

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of  
Debbie Knight, friend of Ann Webster, who passed away.*

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