



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

January 19, 2025  
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909  
[www.stlukesumc-okatie.org](http://www.stlukesumc-okatie.org)

## 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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| Church Office:            | 843-705-3022   |
| Mailing Address:          | PO Box 2779<br>Bluffton, SC 29910  |
| Location:                 | 3080 Okatie Hwy., Bluffton 29909   |
| Website:                  | <a href="http://www.stlukesumc-okatie.org">www.stlukesumc-okatie.org</a>     |
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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call cell phone for an appointment (864-704-0728).

## MEETINGS:



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak

10:15 Leslie Richards and Amy Erickson

**PRELUDE:** "Salut d'amour"

E. Elgar

Sherri Prosser, Flute

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*"Family of God"*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

arr. Spehrader

The Chancel Choir

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 36:5-10

No. 771

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

John 2:1-11

8:30 – Letty Husson

10:15 – Sherri Prosser

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise"

No 103

Verses 1, 2 & 4

**\*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** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Miller

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** "Many Gifts, One Spirit"

No. 114

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:**

John 2:1-11

**MESSAGE:**

When All Seems Lost, the Best is Yet to Come.  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Forward Through the Ages"

No. 555

Verses 1 & 3

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

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3<sup>rd</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:** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*\*Please stand as able.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 8:00 a.m. Monday mornings, in Fellowship Hall. All men of St. Luke's, as well as men from the surrounding communities, are welcome to join. The study will run for about one hour. Contact Alan Bethel or Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE - Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary to help provide dinner for Family Promise families on Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24. Volunteers are also needed to help serve the dinners.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 - 12:00 -Agape Family Life Center, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville - Volunteers needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - MONDAY, JANUARY 27 from 10:00 - 12:00. Join us in the Fellowship Hall and help make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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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.

2024 Giving Statements are ready. Please see Pat Simmons for yours.

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CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON - Next Sunday, January 26 everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 pm.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Matthew Melancon, 1/22                      None  
Agnes Scarlett, 1/25  
Robert Antoine, 1/26  
Rick Beebe, 1/26  
Michelle Cramer, 1/26  
Joe McCulloch, 1/27

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Nancy and John Sariscak in honor of Nancy's sister, Michele's birthday.

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UMCOR- UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF

Join us in prayer for the people of Southern California. Since January 7, firefighters in southern California have been battling to control a series of major fires, fueled by dry conditions and fanned by ferocious Santa Ana winds. The flames already have consumed thousands of structures across more than 50 square miles. UMCOR is in communication with the California-Pacific Conference of the UMC. To support this and other U.S. disaster responses and recovery efforts make your donation payable to St. Luke's UMC with "UMCOR Advance #901670" on the memo line. Thank you!

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.

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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.

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

CONGREGANTS

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|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Ruth Dolan    | Beth King     | Sheryll Ingram         | Judi & Gary Landin |
| Rob Clark     | Dave Fisher   | Andy & Sharon Makarick |                    |
| Linda Jackson | Emma Jo Busby | Barbara Marangio       |                    |

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany  
Lynette Hassinger, sister of Leslie Richards  
Lindsey Morgan, daughter of Leslie Richards  
Katherine, sister of Linda Jackson  
Edward, brother of Debra Burr  
Fred Schaltegger, brother of Rich Schaltegger  
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  
Nathaniel, nephew Don McKay  
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen  
Christopher, nephew of Barbara Silcox  
Blake, acquaintance of Rose Kooper  
Thomas James Shephard, grandson of Francis Murphy  
Jim Buckholder, neighbor of Diana Hamilton  
Michelle and her family, co-worker of Michelle Cramer  
Norm Neus, friend of Phyllis Sippel  
Dawn Hall  
Julian and Indie Parks, parents of Linda Batten  
Sonya, friend of Charlene King  
Lynn, friend of Fran Iacovo  
Ron Kramer, friend of John & Nancy Sariscak  
Vicki Harrizer, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Diane, friend of Charlene King  
Debra, sister of Diana Hamilton  
David, son of Beverly Cook  
Dawn, daughter of Beverly Cook  
James Burton, nephew of Archie Vance  
Kenny Johnson, father of Leslie Richard's daughter's boyfriend  
Linda Worley, friend of Sheryll Ingram and Bill Halstead  
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram and Bill Halstead  
Judy Boswell., friend of Sheryll Ingram and Bill Halstead  
Robert Fields, grandson of Fran Iacovo  
Nicki Powell, friend of Ouida Dell  
Diana, mother of Michelle Cramer  
Spencer, daughter of Sam and Carol Rossa  
Jim McElyea, brother-in-law of Amy Erickson  
June Hamilton  
Tom Jackson, son of Jim and Carol Jackson  
Miles Kannappan, 2-year-old grandson of Bill Usher  
The sons of Sherri Prosser, who will be on assignment at the Presidential Inauguration later this month  
Joan McLeod, friend of Letty and Bill Husson  
Fran Iacovo's son and family  
James and Sarah, son and daughter of Shelley Valentine