



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

November 16, 2025
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy.170 - Bluffton, SC 29909]
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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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please text or call his cell phone (864-704-0728) for an appointment to be sure he doesn't have a prior commitment.

MEETINGS:



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 John and Nancy Sariscak

10:15 Megan and David Sytsma

PRELUDE: *"Jubilation"*

- Denton

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"Family of God"

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Verses 1 & 4

No. 732

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalm 118:14-29

No. 839

***GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 21:5-19

8:30 Michele Elek

10:15 Sherri Prosser

***OPENING HYMN:**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Verses 1, 3 & 4

No. 110

***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: *"I Am His and He Is Mine"*

- Sawyer

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:**

"Lord, Speak to Me"

Verses 1, 2 & 5

No. 463

SCRIPTURE:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

MESSAGE:

"If We Do Not Work, We Don't Eat"

Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

No. 438

Verses 1 & 4

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4th 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"** (Holding hands is optional)

(Hymnal inside back cover)

***POSTLUDE:** *"Living for Jesus"*

*Please stand as able.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 22, 4:30 p.m. is MEXICAN TRAIN NIGHT. Join the fun and bring a friend! Dinner will be served.

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MEMBERSHIP: On Sunday, NOVEMBER 23, we will be “welcoming new members” at our ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m. If you would like to join St. Luke’s please fill out an “Invitation to Membership” form found on the bulletin board and also in the Fellowship Hall. Place it in the collection plate and Pastor Chris will contact you.

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On Tuesday, NOVEMBER 25 at 6:00 p.m. St. Luke’s will be hosting an evening THANKSGIVING service with the other Methodist churches in the area. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the service.

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On NOVEMBER 28 at 10:00 a.m. please come and help DECORATE the church in preparation for Advent. Hope to see you there!

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NOVEMBER 29, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please support our HOLIDAY FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & BAKE SALE. We will be needing baked goods to sell. Please bring items early and price the items you bring. Also, come and purchase items from our vendors!

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NOVEMBER 30 we will have ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for a meal at Ma Daisy’s in Old Town Bluffton immediately after the service. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board and in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the brunch.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. Monday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – The next and final Bible study for this year will be on Dec. 4th. It will resume on January 8th for a study on the book of Revelation.

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CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARY

Phil Mitchell, 11/16
Penelope Power, 11/17
Ouida Dell, 11/18
June Hamilton (100), 11/19
Cynthia Thompson, 11/20
Darrell Cady, 11/21

None

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Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat Simmons in memory of her father, Harold Simmons

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MISSIONS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoeboxes are due in Fellowship Hall TODAY.

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Exciting News: Our annual “ADOPT A PRITCHARDVILLE ELEM. STUDENT” continues for the 15th year. The display in Fellowship Hall has cards with names, ages, clothing sizes and small wishes. Take the card you select as a shopping list after signing your name next to the child’s on the list. Directions on card for wrapping, bagging & returning. Thank you again. Contact Lois Willig.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Beverly Cook	Judi & Gary Landin	Althea Serrant
Bill Trainer	Lynn Cuthsall	Andy & Sharon Makarick	
Mim Mazon	Pam Hoel	Norm Stark	Sheryll Ingram
John Hubbard	Lois Finch	Charlene King	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power
Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki
Martha, friend of Margo Cservek
Dawn, friend of Nancy Sariscak
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Patrick, son of friend of Amy Dauplaise
Sharon Mogel, friend of Marie Baldauf
Todd, son of Richard Rohde
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Nancy, friend of Janet Jacoby
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook
Heather, friend of Sherri Prosser
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Nicole, daughter of friend of Amy Dauplaise
Kayla, granddaughter of Leslie Richards

-Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Wallace and Barbara Hubbard on the passing of their son, Tony, nephew of John Hubbard.

-Our deepest sympathy and prayers to a friend of Carla Carte on the death of Carla's friend's son.

-Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sherryll Ingram, on Carolyn's passing on November 8.

MISSIONS CONTINUED

Thanksgiving at the FAMILY PROMISE SHELTER - St. Luke's will provide THANKSGIVING dinner for the families at the Freedom House shelter. To provide the best meal at the best price, we will use Missions Funds to purchase the food at Sam's Club. We will then assemble the dinner and deliver it on Thanksgiving Day.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10:00-12:00. Please contact Leslie Richards for more information. Please also let Leslie know if you are interested in going to Agape on Wednesdays.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP is very grateful for your extra donations at this time. They will let us know of any specific items needed before our normal 1st Sunday collection on December 7.

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