



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

November 23, 2025
9:15 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:

MEETINGS: Trustees, 9:00 a.m. on December 2
Missions, 1:00 p.m. on December 10
Church Council, 3:30 p.m. on December 11



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday November 23, 2025

Greeters & Ushers
9:15 Diana and Walker Hamilton

PRELUDE: *"Come, Ye Thankful People"* -arr. Stickles

THREE BELLS
Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**
"Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327
Verses 1 & 4

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Luke 1:68-79 No. 208

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43
9:15 Jim Smith

***OPENING HYMN:**
"Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157
Verses 1, 4 & 5

***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:** *"We Gather Together"*

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:**
"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" No. 301
Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23:33-43

MESSAGE: "Father Forgive Them..."
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 297
Verses 1 & 3
Congregation sings 1st verse
Music Interlude during invitation
Congregation sings 3rd 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:** *"Marche Heroique"* -Stickles

*Please stand as able.

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Next Sunday, November 30 everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 pm.

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WELCOME to our New Members who are joining today. We are happy to have you as members of our church family.

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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 sign up 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 December 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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<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>
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Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat Simmons in memory of her father, Harold Simmons. The Cornucopia on the altar represents the “blessings” we receive. Thanks be to God.

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MISSIONS Thank you for adopting over 60 children from Pritchardville Elementary School for the holidays last Sunday. The labeled gift bags full of your “love” are due no later than Sunday, December 7th . They can be dropped off anytime at 29 Morgin Way or Sundays at the Fellowship Hall. For questions or to make arrangements, contact Lois Willig.

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 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 at 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

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

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
Lynn, neighbor of Beverly Cook
Joy Haley, friend of the Wheelers
Dorothy Riley, friend of Peggy Firtion
Travel mercies for Pat's daughter and those planning to attend Lisa's service
Travel mercies for the grandson of Phyllis Sippel

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Lisa, friend of Pat Simmons' daughter, on Lisa's passing on November 13.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Brandon Alvarez on Brandon's recent passing.