



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

December 28, 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.

Church Office: 843-705-3022
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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: Meeting re Cemetery Tours – 1:00 p.m. Mon., Dec. 29
Trustees – 9:00 a.m. Tues., Jan. 6
Project 150 – 5:30 p.m. Wed., Jan. 21



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

First Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2025

Greeters & Ushers: Janet & Dave Baumeister

PRELUDE: *"In Excelsis Deo"* - arr. Ellis
Piano/Organ Duet, Joann Standruck, Organ

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
"Family of God"

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**
"Joy to the World" No. 246
Verses 1 & 4

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 98 No. 818

***GOSPEL READING:** Charlene King John 1:1-14

***OPENING HYMN:**
"All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 62
Verses 1 & 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:** *"Jesus, What a Wonder You Are"* - Bolton

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:**
"There's a Song in the Air" No. 249
Verses 1 & 4

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:12-23

MESSAGE: "The New Moses - Refuge & Empathy
Rev. Thompson

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND WELCOME
"Because He Lives" No. 364

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:** *"Fum, Fum, Fum"* - Catalan Carol

*Please stand as able.

IMPORTANT REMINDER - To receive credit on your year-end giving statement, all donations must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025.



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CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – TODAY everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 p.m.

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MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – Will resume at 8:00 a.m. Monday morning, JANUARY 5 in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - Will resume at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, JANUARY 8 for a study on the book of Revelation.

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

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TOURS OF THE CEMETERY will begin in January. If you would like to help, please let Kathy Smith know.

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BIRTHDAYS

David Lynde, January 1

ANNIVERSARIES

None

MISSIONS

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.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP - Donations are collected the first Sunday of the month, or can be left in the Bluffton Self Help basket 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.

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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Judi & Gary Landin	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Bill Trainer	Candace Payne	
Mim Mazon	Linda O'Connor	
Lois Finch	Dave Fisher	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Dorothy Riley, friend of Peggy Firtion
Rosalyn Perdue, mother of Allyn Perdue
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier
Stephanie, daughter of Nettie Peck
Michael, uncle of Megan Sytsma
Mother of Megan Sytsma
Robin, friend of Margo Cservek
Diana Oder, friend of Diana Walker
Kim Piehl, daughter-in-law of Fran Iacovo
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne
Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany
Jan Demcsak, neighbor of Jane Tiffany
Edith, friend of Barb Silcox
Lucy, friend of Harriet McCauley
Dennis Adelman, friend of Diana Hamilton
Jeffrey and Lynette, friends of Amy Dauplaise