



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson
Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

February 15, 2026
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: This week, Tuesday, 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: Church Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 26



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Transfiguration Sunday February 15, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 a.m. – Nancy Sariscak and Michele Elek

10:15 a.m. – Leslie Richards and Margo Cservek

PRELUDE: “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” - Shackley

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Seek Ye First” No. 405
Verses 1 & 2

OPENING PRAYER

Michelle Cramer

PSALTER READING: Psalm 99 No. 819

***GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 17:1-9

8:30 – Lee van Rensburg

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: “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” - Smither

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision” No. 451

Verses 1, 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9

MESSAGE: “Listen to Him”
Pastor Jim Smith, CLM Retired

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” No. 454

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:** “At the Name of Jesus” - Cindy Berry

*Please stand as able.

ASH WEDNESDAY is **February 18th**. We will participate in a service at the Church of the Palms at 6:30 p.m.

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CHURCH CLEAN UP- Our next All Church Cleanup Date is Saturday, **February 21**, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please wear old clothes, bring gloves; and if you have gardening tools, blowers, tarps, rakes, and a portable yard waste bin, bring those too. We will be concentrating on the graveyard to the left of the church.

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Purple is the COLOR OF THE MONTH. Please wear purple on Sunday, **February 22**.

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Join us for FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP on Saturday, **February 28** at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll play Bingo and Mexican Train.

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LENTEN SERVICES –We will have four Wednesday afternoon Lenten Services at 12:00 noon with a light lunch afterwards on the following dates:

- **March 4th** at **Bluffton UMC**,
- **March 11th** at **St. Luke's UMC**,
- **March 18th** at **St. Andrew's Church, HHI**
- **March 25th** at **Church of the Palms**

Please check the newsletter for more information.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Meg Carmody, 2/16
Linda Fisher, 2/19
Marge Skinker, 2/21
Bill Husson, 2/23

Bonnie & Lee van Rensburg, 2/15

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by William Metcalf in celebration of his wife Linda's birthday.

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MISSIONS

SPECIAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS - Today, we will be taking up an offering to observe "Peace with Justice" Sunday. If you are donating with a check, please make it payable to St. Luke's UMC with "Peace w/Justice" on the memo line. Cash donations should reflect that it is for Peace w/Justice and include your name on the envelope (enclosed) for your giving statement. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE – We will be providing meals on Tuesday, **February 17th** and Thursday, **February 19th**. Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – Monday, **February 23**, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us to make no sew blankets. in Fellowship Hall; bring a lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Judi & Gary Landin Andy & Sharon Makarick
*Bill Trainer Dave Fisher Amy Dauplaise
Mim Mazon Lois Finch

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
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier
Diane Gorden, mother of Megan Sytsma
Diane Oder, friend of Diana Hamilton
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne
Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany
John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody
Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde
Angie, Karl and Zahn, son and family of Bill Husson
Buffy Hopkins, friend of Dawn Hall
Pat Lawn, brother of Carol Jackson
Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski
Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby
Barbara Kohlmann, friend of Tina Blount
Tina, friend of Donna Hauck
Dottie Apgar, former member
Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton
Carol Hubbard, friend of J.W. Harper
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Maury and Larry Leedy, brother and sister-in-law of Carole Bethel
Diane Losk, friend of several church members
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Sharon, friend of Candice Payne
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan Bethel

Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Jill Demcsak, neighbor of Jane Tiffany, on Jill's passing on February 2. Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the friends and family of Brian, brother of Kevin Coupland, on Brian's recent passing.

*Let's shower Bill Trainer with get well wishes. His address is 43 Wainwright Drive, Okatie SC 29909.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER – Please silence your cell phones, and refrain from using them, if possible, during Sunday services, as it can be distracting to others. Thanks!

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

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays; meet & greet at 5:30; study from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bibles.

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CHOIR PRATICE – Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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