



# *St. Luke's*

## United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson  
Pastor



*Where Friends and Faith Meet*

February 8, 2026  
9:15 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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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: Missions – 1:00 p.m., Wed., February 11  
Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 26



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

9:15 a.m. Lee and Bonnie van Rensburg

**PRELUDE:** *"This Little Light of Mine"* -Harry Dixon Loes

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"A Wildness Wandering People"* -Strathdee  
The Chancel Choir

**OPENING PRAYER**– Congregation prays together:

Dear Lord, let your divine power flow through us! May you guide us to those who need us, and guide us to those who we need to serve your holy kingdom. Today, may we remain fixated on your mission and serve with a servant's heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 112:1-10 No. 833

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:13-20  
Jim Smith

**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:** *"To Know You More"* -J. Horness

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Pass It On"* No. 572  
Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:13-20

**MESSAGE:** "You Are"  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

*"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* No. 569

Verses 1 & 4

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

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4<sup>th</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"** (Holding hands is optional)  
(Hymnal inside back cover)

**\*POSTLUDE:** *"Shine Jesus Shine"* -Kendrick

\*Please stand as able.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCH – Please join us TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after the service for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Souper Bowl Lunch.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE – Sign up sheets were posted on February 1<sup>st</sup> for meals on Tuesday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>** and Thursday, **February 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.

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SPECIAL CONFERENCE OFFERING FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE – In 2026, you will have an opportunity to participate in five churchwide special offering Sundays. The first one, on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**, will be a special offering for **Peace With Justice**. The Bible has always prioritized working for peace with justice as a core practice of faith. If you would like to give, an envelope will be provided in the worship bulletin. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in our conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally. Together, we lift up ministries of the United Methodist Church that seek to build a more just and compassionate world. Please see our newsletter for more information.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – On Monday, **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m., we will be making no-sew blankets. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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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.

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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.

BIRTHDAYS

Tina Blount, 2/08  
Michael Brown, 2/09  
Linda Metcalf, 2/09  
Walker Hamilton, 2/10  
Jack Reed, 2/11  
Bill Trainer, 2/13  
Bill Haskins, 2/14  
Meg Carmody, 2/16

ANNIVERSARIES

Bonnie & Lee van Rensburg, 2/15

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

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

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

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

Please check the newsletter for more information.

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CHURCH CLEAN UP- Our next All Church Cleanup Date is Saturday, February 21, 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m. You should wear old clothes, bring gloves; and if you have gardening tools, blowers, tarps, rakes, and a potable yard waste bin, bring those too. We will be concentrating on the graveyard to the left of the church.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CONGREGANTS**

Ruth Dolan    Judi & Gary Landin    Andy & Sharon Makarick  
Bill Trainer    George Batten    Dave Fisher  
Mim Mazon    Lois Finch    Marsha Gerber

**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  
Jan Demcsak, neighbor 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  
Brian, brother of Kevin Coupland  
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

*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the Santos family  
on the loss of John.*

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 at 5:30 p.m. on the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bible.

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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 email 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.