

OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVE

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - The Baptism of the Lord is a Christian feast that commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. It is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time.

LESLIE JEAN WATSON - Please contact Leslie Jean Watson if you are interested in providing a dinner for the Fireflies and Youth. Cell: 843-623-1249; Email: lesleyjeanmwatson@gmail.com.

PLEDGE CARDS - If you haven't already, this is a friendly reminder to please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. Please be mindful of your faithfulness in tithing.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - January 12th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

JOY CLUB - Joy Club will resume on Thursday, January 16th at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Gini Eddins or Zenda Rushing for more information.

GET INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED - A new year is a great time to try something new. Consider enhancing your walk with Jesus by getting involved in a new ministry of our church. Our church has an abundance of Sunday School classes, musical opportunities, serving opportunities, mission and evangelism work, clubs (mat-making, joy club), etc. While you consider changing up your routine, we also want to set new goals for you to reach. This month's goal: *Attend one Sunday School class of your choosing every Sunday of January.* The goal is to not miss a Sunday in between! Can you do it?

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH - The United Women of Faith will meet January 14th for their regular monthly meeting at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All Methodist women are invited!

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING - January 20th from 6:00-6:30pm. Meet and greet for all committees in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief discussion on the function of each committee within our church and an introduction of each new member. Coffee and desserts will be available. Please plan to be with us if you are a member of a committee! Pastor Keith.

REPORTS & INFO.

Tithes needed weekly: **\$5,928.83.**

Received Jan. 5th: **\$30,182.87.**

Sunday School Attendance Jan. 5th: **34**

Worship Attendance Jan. 5th: **81**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: **Ray Crouse**

Greeter: **Pat Barham**

Head Usher: **Rhett Butler**

Nursery: **Dawn Leach/Reagan Freeman**

First United Methodist Church Staff

Keith Stewart | Pastor & Friend (803.439.2543; Bkstewart@umcsc.org)

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE TWELFTH DAY *of* JANUARY 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART *in* THE HEART OF CHERAW

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - WHITE
JANUARY 12TH, 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

ORGAN VOLUNTARY | Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God CHRISTE SANCTORUM

CHIMING & WELCOME

Ray Crouse

We welcome each of you to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please take note of our important announcements found on the back of this bulletin.

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 604** | Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

†**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** | The Apostles' Creed

Ray Crouse

†GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PSALTER 761 | Psalm 29 R

Ray Crouse

The congregation is encouraged to always sing the Psalm Response with the choir at each red "R."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 252** | When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

OFFERTORY | Baptized in Water

An offering is collected to support the work of First United Methodist Church. If you are visiting, please sign a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate so we may connect with you. Scan the QR code to the right for digital offerings.

BUNESSAN



†DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM | Brighter than the Sun

John Helgen

Refrain: Brighter, brighter than the sun is the candle of the Holy One. Bigger, bigger than the sea are the waves of God washing over me.

Gonna light my candle from the holy flame of the one that's brighter than my own name. Gonna wash my body in the holy sea, in the water of life that's bigger than me. *Refrain.*

Gonna meet God's children at the fountain of life, where the word and the water and the Lord Jesus Christ make a new creation out of ev'ry one: Holy Spirit of love, let the waters run. *Refrain.*

Gonna gather 'round and gonna welcome in ev'ry child to be and ev'ry one who's ever been.

Gonna breathe together with this spark of life: Holy Spirit of God, make our flame burn bright. *Refrain.*

†**SCRIPTURE READING** | Luke 3: 15-22

Pastor Keith

SERMON | *Who Do You Belong to?*

Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 384** | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

†DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER

Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | The Lord Bless you and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The choral benediction is offered from the choir as a parting blessing to the congregation following the spoken Benediction by the Pastor. This "final phrase" is intended to provide a transitional period out of the service of God and back into the world. Personal prayer and mediation are highly encouraged.

†**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** | My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Hollis Winnig

We thank you for your presence with us today. We hope that you have a great week.

OUR PRAYER LIST | PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL ON THE PRAYER LIST!

Our Church, Our President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State and local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Mary Burr, Martha Griggs, Thomas McKinnon, Ellison Outen, Curtis Jones, Tony Thraikill, Bobby Spears, Kathy Treadaway (friend of Henrietta Kollitz), Shannon Johnson, and Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin).