

## OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVE

**EPIPHANY...WHAT IS IT?** - Epiphany, also known as “Theophany” is a Christian feast day commemorating the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus Christ’s physical manifestation to the Gentiles. It is sometimes called Three Kings’ Day, and in some traditions celebrated as Little Christmas or “Old” Christmas. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide.

**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.

**BETTY THRAILKILL** - Betty Thrailkill is in the hospital in Cheraw and is accepting visitors.

**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.

**MAT MAKERS** - Mat Making resumes this Tuesday at 10:30am in the Daycare Kitchen. Join us!

**HANDBELL/CHOIR REHEARSAL** - All music department rehearsals resume this week on Wednesday. Handbells, 5:30; Chancel Choir, 6:30. Take up an art in 2025 by ringing or singing.

**SICKNESS** - Please pray for all in our church and community that have been affected by the sickness going around.

**VICTIMS IN NEW ORLEANS** - Please be in prayer for those in New Orleans who have been injured or lost loved ones. This is such a tragic way to bring in a New Year, but we are reminded that God is in control despite these atrocious reports.

### REPORTS & INFO.

Weekly tithe needed: **\$5,928.83.**

Tithes received Dec. 29th:

Sunday School Attendance Dec. 29th: **22**

Worship Attendance Dec. 29th: **60**

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Liturgist: **Rhett Butler**

Greeter: **Jean & Manuel Assef**

Head Usher: **Rhett Butler**

Nursery: **Michelle Rohde**

#### First United Methodist Church Staff

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

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# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE FIFTH DAY *of* JANUARY 2025

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

THE EPIPHANY - WHITE

JANUARY 5TH, 2025 | 11:00AM

† THE PEOPLE STAND

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** | We Would See Jesus

David Mortham

**CHIMING & WELCOME**

Rhett Butler

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 254** | We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

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

Rhett Butler

†**GLORIA PATRI 70**

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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 795** | Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 Response 1

Rhett Butler

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Scott Eddins

†**HYMN INSERT** | As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

**OFFERTORY** | O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair

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.

J.S. Bach



†**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** | Praise Ye The Lord

Gordon Young

Praise ye the name of the Lord of Hosts. Praise Him, Praise Him, all ye people. Let all the nations praise the Lord. Come ye together, sing unto God. Now and forever, sing unto God. Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! O come all ye nations, Sing unto God. Praise ye the Lord! Let all the nations praise the Lord!  
*(From Psalm 135, para. )*

†**SCRIPTURE READING** | Matthew 2: 1-12

Pastor Keith

†**SERMON** | *Going home a different way*

Pastor Keith

†**HYMN 245** | The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

†**DISMISSAL WITH PRAYER**

Pastor Keith

†**CHORAL BENEDICTION** | This, this is Christ the King!

GREENSLEEVES

†**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** | Arise, Your Light is Come

Francis Webb

We thank you for your presence with us today. We hope that you have a great week.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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**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). **Note: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks.**