

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE ELEVENTH DAY *of* JANUARY 2026

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – WHITE

JANUARY 11, 2026 – 11:00 AM

†CONGREGATION STANDS

PRELUDE Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

CHIMING/INTROIT Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters **SPRING**
Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH! Ray Crouse
Welcome to this service! We pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. Please read and take note of our important announcements.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Joseph Kovas

WESLEY COVENANT RENEWAL Rev. Joseph Kovas

†**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** Ray Crouse

†**GLORIA PATRI** **GREATOREX**
Glory be 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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†HYMN 252 When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMPLAINER

OFFERTORY Baptized in Water

†DOXOLOGY

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 Matthew 3: 13-17

Rev. Joseph Kovas

SERMON “We are a story people”

Rev. Joseph Kovas

HOLY COMMUNION (UMH P. 12-13, 17-18; MUSICAL RESPONSE)

†HYMN 347 Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

DISMISSAL & PRAYER

Rev. Joseph Kovas

†CHORAL BENEDICTION Amen

SPIRITUAL

†POSTLUDE

OFFICE THANKS: The office staff of FUMC thanks each one of you for your contribution to our staff Christmas gift. You all made our Christmases very special with your generosity!

HOT OFF THE PRESS: Please pick up a 2026 committee and church officers list beside the office. This publication also contains the liturgist schedule, greeter schedule, and acolyte schedule. Each church member is encouraged to have one (especially if you are frequently a leader in worship or member of a committee).

MISSING A DISH?: Please pick up your personal dishes from the Christmas program last month. Several dishes were left behind that do not belong to the church kitchen (fellowship hall). Stop in to check it out.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Sunday, January 11 at 4:30pm in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, January 11 at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, January 13 at 6:00pm in the Parlor.

PEOPLE STILL NEED YOUR HELP: Yes, it is a new year, but we still have people in need. Please remember our Blessing Box at the exit of our parking lot (self-opening cans, please...also, bags and clothespins in the fellowship hall). And please remember your donations to McArn Food Bank and continue to help with ABBA’S house. Thank you all so much. – Missions/Evangelism.

UWF: The women in Faith will meet Tuesday, January 13 at 3:00pm in the fellowship hall. All Methodist women are invited to join in the fellowship.

JOY CLUB: The next JOY gathering is Thursday, January 15 at 12:00 noon. Come hear Billie Sikes speak and watch the *Nurse Honor Guard* perform. We need hostesses to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact Gini Eddins if you are planning to attend by Friday, January 9. Contact Gini Eddins (843-910-4745) or Zenda Rushing (843-921-8335) if you are willing to serve as a hostess.

ABBA’S HOUSE: The next ABBA’S house serving is Monday, January 19. We need people to pick up frozen lasagnas after church Sunday, January 18 and return the baked lasagna either to the church or to ABBA’S house directly by 3:30pm Monday, January 19. We also need servers. Please sign up by the fellowship hall.

PRAYER LIST - Our Church, President, Congress, Governors, Mayors, State & local employees, health care workers, EMTs, firefighters, law enforcement officers, people of all ages with mental illnesses, all who defend our Nation, Shep Straughn, Emily Marsh, Martha Griggs, Thomas & Sharon McKinnon, Frank Shutt, Pal Moore, Kaitlyn Freeman, Lesley Jean Watson, Pam Walter (Angie Smith’s cousin), Wyatt Smith (Gini Eddins Mother’s Morning Out Child), Avery Dickson, the family of Phillip Caulder, Nadia Harris, the family of Jimmie Creech, Jack Van Deman, the family of Billy Eddins, Gailya Wilson, the family of Mr. Herbert Gadson (father of Rev. Telley Gadson – our DS).

TITHE NEEDED WEEKLY.....	\$5,928.83.	NURSERY TODAY.....	Dawn Leach
CONTRIBUTIONS JAN 4.....	\$3,083.00.	NURSERY JAN 18.....	Kelly Dusa
SUNDAY SCHOOL JAN 4.....	28	MCARN FOOD ITEM.....	Grits
WORSHIP JAN 4.....	61	CHURCH PHONE.....	(843) 537-7002
LITURGIST TODAY.....	Ray Crouse	PASTOR.....	Rev. Joseph Kovas
LITURGIST JAN 18.....	Eric Dusa	(803.374.1677; ldkovas@umcsc.org)	
GREETER TODAY.....	Keith & Sally Smith	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.....	Shelby Nolan
GREETER JAN 18.....	Jerry & Julia Tucker	(843.537.7002; fumcadassistant1@gmail.com)	
HEAD USHER JAN.....	Rhett Butler	MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST.....	Jackson Stone
ACOLYTE JAN.....	Charlie Ruffner	(843.506.4312; jacjstone14@gmail.com)	

THE CHURCH HERALD NEWSLETTER







January Birthdays

1/2 Hollis Dusa
1/4 Reagan Freeman
1/5 Jeffery Johnson
1/9 Carley Watson
1/14 Greer Eddins
1/14 Zachary Carabo
1/20 Shellie Stanton
1/20 Kay Van Deman
1/20 Carolyn Wallace
1/21 Kaitlyn Freeman
1/22 Mary Kathryn Wagnon
1/22 Rhett Butler
1/24 Aidan Freeman
1/25 Kate Wilson Kollitz
1/29 Sally Smith
1/31 Becky Moore

