

Visitors & Members

Please register your attendance on the pads located at the end of each pew. We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! Please find an usher or staff member if you have any questions.

Church Information

If you would like to receive our weekly e-blast, please e-mail us at [hello@iopmethodist.com](mailto:hello@iopmethodist.com)

Adult Sunday School Classes

**Anchor:** Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the classroom across from the nursery.  
**All Comers:** Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study materials. Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen on the first floor of the Sanctuary building.  
Fore more information, call Nancy Wood. Cell: (843) 830-7365  
**Boone Bowen:** A non-traditional approach to fostering a Christian faith. Meets in the Admin Building, first door on the left.  
For more information, call Mary Chason. Cell: (843) 270-9092

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

**Pre-K—2nd Grade:** Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen.  
**3rd—5th Grade:** Meets in classroom across from the nursery.  
**6th—12th Grade:** Meets in the Youth Loft in the Admin Building.

Announcements:

**ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach):** For the month of January, ECCO is in need of the following items:  
**Food Items:** Canned lima beans, beef stew, jelly, and snack bars.  
**Hygiene Items:** Body wash and deodorant.  
Donations can be dropped off in one of three locations: below the Narthex (next to the flower calendar), in the Fellowship Hall, or in the Admin building. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

Sing! Ring! Serve!

The Choir and Handbell Choir are starting back on January 7th, and now is a great time to join. Handbells will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00pm, Chancel Choir in the Choir room at 6:30. Music experience is a plus but not required by any means—training and support are provided! Come be part of a joyful community that leads worship through music. We will have a light reception prior to choir rehearsal, please join us for fellowship and fun!

**January Jingle Handbell Workshop:** Ring in the new year with us! You’re invited to The January Jingle, a Handbell Workshop taking place on Saturday, **January 17**, from **9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This joyful morning of music-making is open to **all experience levels** — whether you’re a seasoned ringer, brand new to handbells, or simply curious to try something new. Lunch provided.

**2026 Altar Flower Calendar:** The Church flower calendar is now available for 2026. Kindly complete the form attached to the calendar with your payment of \$100.00 before turning in at the office or place the form in the collection plate. Remember members are most welcome to provide their own arrangements. Any questions or special orders please contact Ann Emery, 843-886-7540 or email [bill.emery@comcast.net](mailto:bill.emery@comcast.net)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 4

9:15 AM First Friends  
9:30 AM Sunday School Classes  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
(In the Sanctuary)

Monday, January 5

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk

Tuesday, January 6

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting  
5:00 PM Disciple IV Bible Study

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)  
5:00 PM Handbell Practice  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir  
(Choir room)

Thursday, January 8

9:30 AM Line Dancing  
(Fellowship Hall)

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Our mission is to discover, celebrate,  
and share God’s love!



Epiphany of the Lord

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January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

What Child Is This

Michael Burkhardt

† The Processional Hymn UMH 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

† Opening Prayer

† Gloria Patri UMH 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

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.

Children’s Message

Courtney Kraus

Choral Anthem

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit; that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

† The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The Message

“The Most Precious Gift”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 184

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

† Invitation to the Table and The Passing of the Peace UMH 12

The Instrumental Offertory

† The Doxology UMH 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFRUEUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

† Sharing the Bread and Cup

Today we will receive the Bread and Cup of our Lord by intinction. As you are able, come down front to one of the communion stations to receive a small bit of bread. You are welcome to dip the bread lightly in the cup as you receive. After you have received communion, you may remain in prayer at the rail, or you may return to your seat as others receive.

† Prayer after Communion

Eternal God,

we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

May your holy light forever shine on us and through us .

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction UMH 120 (v. 1, refrain)

Your Love, O God

Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and our eternal home.

You leave us free to seek you or reject you, you give us room to answer “yes” or “no.”

(refrain) Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and our eternal home.

† Postlude

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Elliot

Our Commitment In Action  
Sunday, December 28

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL 164

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, December 28:

Annual Budget: \$755,000.00

Required each week: \$14,519.23

Required YTD: \$755,000.00

Received YTD: \$834,114.82

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