

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

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30am

Anchor: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the classroom across from the nursery.

For more information, contact Teresa McKenzie at teresaiop60@gmail.com

All Comers: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study materials. Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen on the first floor of the Sanctuary building.

For 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

9:45am

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 February, ECCO is in need of the following items:

Food Items: Cereal, grits, oatmeal, canned beef stew, and canned tomatoes.

Hygiene Items: Deodorant and laundry detergent.

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!

Line Dancing: Beginning **February 2nd**, line dancing will return on Mondays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Anne Bushong for more information. cdranne@comcast.net

Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser: Join us **February 5th** at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall with your date or on your own as we treat you to a beautiful Valentine's Spaghetti Supper! The youth will be preparing dinner and serving you. \$20 per person in advance and \$25 per person the day of.

Coastal Belle Singers: Rehearsals resume **February 17**—April 17 on Tuesdays 1:30-2:30pm.

Oyster Roast and Chili Cookoff: Mark your calendars for our annual fundraiser on **Sunday, March 1st**, from 3:00—5:00 PM. All proceeds will benefit the church's Medical Missions trip to Chiapas, Mexico. This community-wide event features all-you-can-eat oysters, chili, hot dogs and desserts, as well as a jump castle for children. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for kids. Contact Jen Robertson to enter your recipe into our delicious and legendary Chili Cookoff!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 1

9:15 AM First Friends
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School
Classes
9:45 AM Children & Youth
Sunday School Classes
10:30 AM Worship Service
(In the Sanctuary)
4:00 PM Children's SNL
5:30 PM Youth SNL

Monday, February 2

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk
9:30 AM Line Dancing
(Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Mahjong
(Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)
4:30 PM Handbell Practice
(Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Chancel Choir
(Choir room)

Thursday, February 5

5:30 PM Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
(Fellowship Hall)

Announcements:

Sing! Ring! Serve! Now is a great time to join the Choir and Handbell Choir. Handbells will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 4:30pm, Chancel Choir in the Choir room at 6:30pm. 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!

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

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ministers: All People

Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips

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Color: Green

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany		
10:30		
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP		
Gathering Music		
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
Prelude		
He Leadeth Me		Lani Smith
† The Processional Hymn UMH 715		
Rejoice, the Lord is King		DARWALL’S 148th
† Opening Prayer		
† Affirmation of Faith UMH 881	“The Apostles’ Creed”	
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.		
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† 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		
Blessed		Paul Webber
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 15	
The Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
† The Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	
The Message	“Rejoice and Be Glad”	Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD		
† Hymn of Response UMH 402		
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian	I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN	
† Invitation to the Table and Passing the Peace of Christ UMH 12		
The Offering and 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
<i>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.</i>

† Prayer after Communion
Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Make us ever faithful to your high calling.
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 TFWS 2153 (vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1)		
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me	I'M GONNA LIVE	
† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction UMH 120 (v. 4, refrain)		
Your Love, O God	FINLANDIA	
O Judge us Lord and in your judgment free us and set our feet in freedom's open space; take us as far as your compassion wanders among the children of the human race		
(refrain) Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, wide as the wind, and our eternal home.		

† Postlude
Choral Song
Samuel Wesley

Serving Today:
Ushers: Mic and Susan Smith
Lay Reader: Mike and Lee Holman
First Friends: Set Up—Denise Cohen Clean Up—Laura Whitley

Our Commitment In Action		
Sunday, January 25		
10:30	Combined Worship Service TOTAL	151
Our Gifts As Of Sunday, January 25:		
Annual Budget: Budget in process.		
Required each week: Budget in process.		
Required YTD: Budget in process.		
Received YTD: \$39,946.70		
To give online , please scan the QR code or go to		
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