

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  
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](mailto: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 in February, line dancing will return on Mondays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Anne Bushong for more information. [cdranne@comcast.net](mailto:cdranne@comcast.net)

**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 International Missions Ministry. 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!

**Tea Room 2026:** Join us for lunch at our annual Tea Room on Wednesday, March 18-20 from 11:30am-2:00pm. Reservations are recommended. Grab a table for 8 and join us for great food and fellowship with your friends! Call Mary Webb at 843-708-0650 to reserve your spot!

**“In Paradisum” Hymn Festival:** Join us on Sunday, March 29 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for a Lenten hymn festival by candlelight as we venture through the journey to the cross through music.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 8

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 9

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk  
9:30 AM Line Dancing  
(Fellowship Hall)  
4:00 PM Mahjong  
(Fellowship Hall)  
4:00 PM Monthly Mission Night  
(Star Gospel Mission)  
4:30 PM Trustee Meeting  
(Boone Bowen)

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

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

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



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ministers: All People

Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips

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February 8, 2026

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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

Edwin Childs

† The Processional Hymn

UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† 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.

\*\*universal

† 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

When the Trumpet Sounds

André Thomas

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 112:1-10

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

† The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

The Message

“Being Your True Self”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response

UMH 464

I Will Trust in the Lord

I WILL TRUST

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!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication

O God, Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

Verse 1 : O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Verse 2: The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile Bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Verse 3: Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction

UMH 120 (v. 1, refrain)

Your Love, O God

FINLANDIA

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

Praise Him, Praise Him

Humphry Turner

Serving Today:

Ushers:

Rob and Donna Norvelle

Lay Reader:

Teresa McKenzie

First Friends:

Set Up—Alice Taylor

Clean Up—Katie Kegel

Our Commitment In Action

Sunday, January 25

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL151

No Attendance for Sunday, February 1

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, February 1

Annual Budget: Budget in process.

Required each week: Budget in process.

Required YTD: Budget in process.

Received YTD: \$44,778.40

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