

### Visitors & Members

Please register your attendance on the pads located at the end of each pew. We are so glad you are worshipping 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

**Seriously Seeking Lent:** Begins on Sunday, February 22 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. This study will focus on the disciplines that Christians have historically practiced during Lent - fasting, prayer, almsgiving, repentance, confession - as a pathway toward deeper faith. Led by Suzan Phillips, we will turn our hearts and minds toward the cross.

### 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!

**Coastal Belle Singers:** Rehearsals resume **February 17**—April 17 on Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm.

**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:** This year's Tea Room dates are **March 18-20**. We need lots of hands to make this event successful. If you are not able to work during the week of the Tea Room we can still use your help! We especially need some people to bake cheesecakes or muffins, boil eggs or make soup. We also need help in the scullery. If you are willing to help in anyway please contact one of the following: Kathy Elliott 843-834-6198, Mary Webb 843-708-0650, Lee Ennis 423-677-8141  
Donations are welcome!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, February 22

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

### Monday, February 23

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

### Tuesday, February 24

- 10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
- 1:30 PM Coastal Belle Singers (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 PM Finance Meeting
- 5:00 PM Disciple IV Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 25

- 10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom) (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting
- 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!**



## First Sunday in Lent

**Ministers: All People**

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**Color: Purple**

**February 22, 2026**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**10:30**

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

**Chiming the Holy Trinity**

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Handbell Choir

Linda Lamb

† **The Processional Hymn** TFWS 2128

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

† **Confession and Words of Assurance**

God of mercy,  
we begin this Lenten season in confession.

We do not live according to your ways,  
but according to our own.

We condone violence,  
participate in systems of injustice,  
and use power to our own advantage  
at the expense of others.

Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are tempted to follow paths  
other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments;  
help us to turn from evil in its many guises,  
and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near.  
In covenantal love, remember us, we pray,  
and be for us, once more and always,  
an ark of safety and new life.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† **Choral Response** (x3)

Lord, Have Mercy

Avon Gillespie

**Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.**

† **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message**

Courtney Kraus

**Anthem**

O Wondrous Love

Bruce Greer

**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 32

**The Second Reading**

Romans 5:12-19

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 4:1-11

The Message

"Led by the Spirit"

Pastor Charles

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

† **Hymn of Response** UMH 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

MOODY

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Handbell Choir

Arnold Ryan

† **The Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

**WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD**

† **Hymn of Dedication** TFWS 2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

† **Benediction and Response** Jesus, Remember Me (x 4)

REMEMBER ME:

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

† **Postlude**

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

J.S. Bach

**Serving Today:**

**Ushers:** Kathy and Doug Elliott

**Lay Reader:** Nancy Talmage

**First Friends:** Set Up—Kathy Elliott

Clean Up—Lee Holman

**Our Commitment In Action**

**Sunday, February 15**

**10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL**

**142**

**Our Gifts As Of Sunday, February 15:**

Annual Budget: \$750,000.00

Required each week: 14,423.08

Required YTD: \$100,961.54

Received YTD: \$74,956.21

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