

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

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

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 **March**, ECCO is in need of the following items:

Food Items: Cereal, grits, rice, canned beef stew, and lima beans.

Hygiene Items: Deodorant and paper towels

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: Join us TODAY from 3:00–5:00pm for our annual Oyster Roast and Chili Cookoff fundraiser! 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.

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 or need a recipe, 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, March 1

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)
3:00 PM Oyster Roast & Chili Cookoff (Church Yard)

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)
10:00 AM Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 PM Handbell Practice (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 PM Youth Beach Bible Study
6:30 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

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



Our Commitment In Action

Sunday, February 22

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL 178

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, February 22:

Annual Budget: \$750,000.00

Required each week: 14,423.08

Required YTD: \$115,384.62

Received YTD: \$89,619.81

To give online, please scan the QR code or go to

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March 1, 2026

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Prelude in Eb Major

Alexandre Guillmant

† The Processional Hymn UMH 126

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

† 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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† Choral Response (x 3)

Lord, Have Mercy

Avon Gillespie

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord.

Children’s Message

Courtney Kraus

Anthem

Uvia Mose (Come, All You People)

Kevin Holland

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 121

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

† The Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

The Message

“Born of the Spirit”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

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

The Offering and Instrumental Offertory

† The Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

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!

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.

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 129

Give To the Wind Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

† Benediction and Response UMH 488 (x 4)

Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

† Postlude

Variations of ST. ANNE

Stephen Aber

Serving Today:

Ushers: Alice and Donny Taylor

Lay Reader: Joan Bolton

First Friends: Set Up—Alice Taylor Clean Up—Katie Kegel

Altar Flowers:

Today's flowers are to the glory of God, in memory of my mother Mary Lou Whitmer, and to honor my father Warren Whitmer (96) who both had/have March birthdays given by Bonne Taylor.