

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: 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!

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 8

- 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
- 5:30 PM Youth SNL

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

- 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)

Thursday, March 12

- 11:00 AM Shepherd's Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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and share God's love!**



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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord

Richard Smallwood

Chancel Choir

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

J. S. Bach

† **The Processional Hymn** UMH 679

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

WAREHAM

† **Confession and Words of Assurance**

**Merciful God,
how fickle we are; we sin against you
without even knowing it.
Forgive us for failing to honor all
our relationships—
with those closest to us and those
who are distant neighbors.
Help us to speak words of blessing
and kindness,
rather than words that belittle or destroy.
Turn us away from violence, falsehood,
and selfishness.
Help us to depend on you alone
and to rest in your peace.
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

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 95

The Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 4:5-42

The Message "Grace and Living Water"

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† **Hymn of Response** TFWS 2213

Healer of Every Ill

HEALER

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Here our prayer.

Instrumental Offertory

† **The Doxology**

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!**

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† **Hymn of Dedication** UMH 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

† **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**

Improvisation on RESTORATION

Wilson

Serving Today:

Ushers: Rob and Donna Norvelle

Lay Reader: Mike and Lee Holman

First Friends: Set Up—Cindy Mixon Clean Up—Teresa McKenzie

Easter Sunday Reminder:

04/05/2026

We will have two services, one at 9:00am and one at 10:30am.

Altar Flowers:

Our flowers are to the glory of God, in memory of Col. Gregory Troutman, Sr. given by Eleanor, Brad, and Rita Troutman

**Our Commitment In Action
Sunday, March 1**

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL 156

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, March 1:

Annual Budget: \$750,000.00

Required each week: 14,423.08

Required YTD: \$129,807.69

Received YTD: \$104,348.91

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