

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!

Easter Egg Hunt & Luncheon: We are excited to have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29th at 11:30am. This year it is for ALL ages because there is a luncheon for those participating in the hunt and those that just want to watch the joy of our children. There will be a FREE boxed lunch from Jimmy Johns for all that sign up. The meal is free as we are using this is a great chance for a fellowship event at First Church. RSVP on Realm or call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, March 15

- 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 16

- 9:30 AM Line Dancing (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)
- 11:30—2:30 TEA ROOM (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:30 PM Handbell Practice (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 19

- 11:30—2:30 TEA ROOM (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 20

- 11:30—2:30 TEA ROOM (Fellowship Hall)

Originated 1950



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



OUR CHURCH STAFF

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Choral Introit

I Love the Lord

Chancel Choir

Richard Smallwood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Quietude

Handbell Ensemble

Kurt Meyer

† **The Processional Hymn** UMH 128

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

HE LEADETH ME

† **Confession and Words of Assurance**

**Merciful God,
we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy
of our complaints.**

**We grumble about the evils in our world,
even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.**

**We fret about the scarcity of resources
while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.**

**We protest the problems of our world,
but we do not actively work to address them.**

Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.

**Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways
that we me know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ,
in whose 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

Day By Day

Karen Buckwalter

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 23

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 9:1-41

The Message

“With Eyes of the Heart”

Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† **Hymn of Response**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

**My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name,
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream;
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his way,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay,
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away;
Your hand in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread,
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise;
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Here our prayer.

Choral Offertory

Eternal Life

Donna Brenner, Flute

Craig Courtney

† **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 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

† **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**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Marianne Kim

Serving Today:

Ushers: Doug and Kathy Elliott

Lay Reader: Teresa McKenzie

First Friends: Set Up — Louanne Lassiter Clean Up — Laura Whitley

Easter Sunday Reminder:

04/05/2026

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

Altar Flowers:

Our altar flowers are to the glory of God and in memory of our sweet son Mick given by Susan and Steve McKay.

**Our Commitment In Action
Sunday, March 8**

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL 150

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, March 8:

Annual Budget: \$750,000.00

Required each week: 14,423.08

Required YTD: \$144,230.77

Received YTD: \$111,746.66

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