

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

Name tags

We encourage everyone attending services to please wear your name tag. If you need to order a name tag, please ask an usher for an order form, then return it in a collection basket.

Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 after the Early Service. All ages welcome!

Anchor: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the classroom across from the nursery.
All Comers: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study materials. Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen on the first floor of the Sanctuary building.
Fore 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
Advent Study: Please join Suzan Phillips to study the Christmas Story, from Isaiah to the Gospels, throughout the season of Advent. Beginning November 2nd at 10:00am on Sundays OR 11:00am on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements:

Advent: Every Sunday in Advent, beginning November 30th—December 28th, there will be ONE combined service at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

Live Nativity: Join us for a special Live Nativity led by First Church’s youth. Sunday, December 7th at 6:00pm.

For Unto Us: Join us for a hymn festival featuring FUMC IOP Choir, Charleston Symphony Orchestra, and Charleston Symphony Chorus on December 14th at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary for the “Messiah” and other works celebrating the coming of the Christ Child.

ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach): This month, ECCO is in need of the following items. **Food Items: Lima beans, beef stew, and lasagna noodles.**
Other Items: Laundry detergent and assorted cleaners.
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!

HALOS: Thank you for providing Christmas gifts to those children served by HALOS. Gifts should be brought to the church by December 7. If you would be interested in volunteering with the gift drive between December 7 - 13 call 843-304-2021 or email ashley@charlestonhalos.org.

Coastal Belle Singers: Coastal Belle Singers will bring our holiday outreach program to Christ Our King’s annual Christmas Tea for assisted living Tuesday Dec 3 at 11 and The Artisan Thursday Dec 4 at 2 pm. Contact cdranne@comcast.net for more info.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, November 30		Wednesday, December 3	
10:30 AM	One Combined Service (In the Sanctuary)	10:00 AM	Crafty Ladies (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, December 1		10:00 AM	MLBSG (Anchor classroom)
9:30 AM	Devotional Beach Walk	5:00 PM	Handbell Practice (Choir Room)
11:00 AM	Advent Study (In the Fellowship Hall)	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice (Choir Room)
4:00 PM	Mahjong (In the Fellowship Hall)	Thursday, December 4	
Tuesday, December 2		9:30 AM	Line Dancing (Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM	Church Staff Meeting		
4:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting		
6:00 PM	Disciple IV Bible Study		
6:00 PM	UWF Christmas Party (Contact Nancy Wood for location 843-830-7365)		

Men of First Church:

The outgoing Men’s Club leadership is working to improve the Men’s Club responsiveness to the men of First Church. Working with Pastor Charles we are examining significant changes to the organization structure, types of activities offered, and event meeting times that align to the interests and availabilities of an increased number of members. This begins with better understanding the preferences of the men of First Church, and we have developed and are distributing a survey with intent to reach every active male member. Also, we have identified a new reorganization committee with a representative sampling of the diverse age groups, to include younger working men with children, with the intent of better aligning activities and scheduling to our Church membership. This new committee will convene after we have gained sufficient responses from the survey. We are beginning the distribution of the survey at today’s Sunday service and we request that you thoughtfully complete the questions and return your form to the Narthex basket, the Church office, or mail to the Church office. Our objective is to complete this survey by end of the year. Questions or comments to Mike Holman, Lindsay Walker, Cal McCombs, or Tom Scruggs.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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



First Sunday of Advent

Ministers: All People
Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips
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12 21st Avenue, Isle of Palms, SC 29451
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Color: Blue

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

10:30am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

A Moment for Stewardship

Stuart Bascomb

Prelude

Thanksgiving Melody Traditional

Handbell Choir

† The Processional Hymn UMH 202

People, Look East BESANÇON

† Hanging of the Greens

During the Processional Hymn everyone is welcome to bring holly and ivy and place it on the Advent Wreath and on the ledges of the windows. The large wreaths will also be placed on the front and back walls of the Sanctuary. We hang the greens to reflect our joy in the abundant life we find through Christ.

† Lighting of the Advent Wreath

† Musical Response

While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING

While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come.
With power and glo - ry, come; with power and glo - ry, come.
Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message

Courtney Kraus

Choral Anthem

Star of Advent Pepper Choplin

John Coultre- Cello, Donna Brenner, Flute

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.

Psalm

Psalm 122

The Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

† The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

The Message “Time to Wake Up” Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

Offertory

Advent Hope Derek Hakes

Handbell Choir

† The Doxology UMH 472

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (with Advent text)

LASST UNS ERFRUEUN

Lift up your hearts in Advent hope!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God who sends the promised One,
The dawn of peace, God’s radiant Son—
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction

Christ, Be Our Light, V1.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
shine in your church gathered today.

† Postlude

Fantasy on CREATOR OF THE STARS Raymond Haan

Altar Flowers:

Our altar flowers are to the glory of God in loving honor of Vivian McCally Kipp for a blessed and happy 20th birthday with love from Pop and Eze McCombs.

Serving Today:

Ushers:

10:30— Mark and Susan Crocker

Our Commitment In Action

Sunday, November 23

9:00 Early Worship 52

11:00 Traditional 106

Worship TOTAL 158

Our Gifts As Of Sunday, November 23:

Annual Budget: \$755,000.00

Required each week: \$14,519.23

Required YTD: \$696,923.08

Received YTD: \$635,047.01

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