

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

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. 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

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 9:30am on Sundays OR 11:00am on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall.

Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

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:

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

“For Unto Us”: Join us tonight for a concert 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. Free entry but donations are always appreciated! There will be a collection plate in the Narthex. Doors open at 3:45!

The Longest Night—Service of Healing: Join us next Sunday, December 21st for an additional evening service at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary.

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!

Coastal Belle Singers: Coastal Belle Singers bring our 19th holiday senior musical outreach to The Palms on December 17th at 4:00pm and Merrill Gardens on December 18th at 2:00pm. Relatives and friends of residents are invited to participate. Contact Anne Bushong for more information.

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Crafty Ladies Christmas Boutique: Crafty Ladies have Christmas items displayed for sale in the Fellowship Hall. We will be adding items as the weeks near Christmas so please check back often.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, December 14

9:15 AM First Friends
9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
10:30 AM One Combined Service
(In the Sanctuary)
11:30 AM SNL Christmas Party
(Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM “For Unto Us”
Hymn Festival
(In the Sanctuary)

Monday, December 15

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk
11:00 AM Advent Study
(In the Fellowship Hall)
4:00 PM Mahjong
(In the Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 16

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Disciple IV Bible Study

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 AM Crafty Ladies
(Fellowship Hall)
10:00 AM MLBSG
(Anchor classroom)
5:00 PM Youth—Beach Bible Study
(Meets at the Church beforehand)
5:00 PM Handbell Practice
(Choir Room)
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
(Choir Room)

Thursday, December 18

9:30 AM Line Dancing
(Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM College Youth Luncheon
(Cantina 76)

Men of First Church:

The Men’s Club of First Church needs you, and we would like you to join us as we chart a new course in Men’s Ministry. We have developed a questionnaire to learn how we can encourage you to be part of the men of the church, and we want to know what you think! The questionnaires are in the narthex. Please fill one out and drop it in the basket or drop it off at the church office. See Mike Holman, Lindsay Walker, Cal McCombs, or Tom Scruggs for details.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Charles Phillips, Pastor

Jen Robertson, Director of Member Care and Development

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



Third Sunday of Advent

Ministers: All People

Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips

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Color: Blue

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

10:30am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Starry Night Brenda Austin
Handbell Choir

† The Processional Hymn UMH 224
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCI JUBILO

† Lighting of the Advent Wreath

† Musical Response
While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING

Musical notation for the response "While we are waiting, come; with power and glory, come; come, Savior, quick - ly come; while we are waiting, come. with power and glory, come. come, Savior, 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

Anthem

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Linda Lamb
Handbell Choir

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 First Reading Luke 1:47-55

The Second Reading James 5:7-14

† The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11
The Message “Prepare the Way” Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 218
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Linda Lamb
Handbell Choir

† The Doxology UMH 472
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (with Advent text)
LASST UNS ERFRUEUN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
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 238
Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

† Words of Blessing and Choral Benediction
Christ, Be Our Light, V3.

Many the gifts, many the people
Many the hearts that yearn to belong
Let us be servants to one another
Making Your Kingdom Come

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

† Postlude
In Thee is Gladness J.S. Bach

Serving Today:
Ushers—Shadoan Family
Lay Reader—Joan Shadoan
Advent Candle Lighters—Ford Family

Altar Flowers:

Our flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, and to all who have gifts and talents to share in the life of the church.

Our Commitment In Action
Sunday, December 7

10:30 Combined Worship Service TOTAL	190
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Our Gifts As Of Sunday, December 7:
Annual Budget: \$755,000.00
Required each week: \$14,519.23
Required YTD: \$725,961.54
Received YTD: \$687,312.81
To give online , please scan the QR code or go to www.iopmethodist.com

