EARLY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Centering Music

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The First Noel arr. Alex Wilson

† The Gathering Hymn UMH 179

KINGSFOLD O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

† Lighting of the Advent Wreath

† Musical Response

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message **Courtney Kraus**

Offertory Anthem

Love Is All Our Joy Malcom Archer

† The Doxology (Sung to the tune of Veni Emmanuel) **VENI EMMANUEL**

> Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11 The Second Reading

† The Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6

> **Pastor Charles** The Message "Prepare the Way"

† Hymn of Sending Forth UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON † Benediction and Sending Forth

† Postlude

From Heaven to Earth I Come Johann Pachebel

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, December 8 9:00 AM Early Service 10:00 AM First Friends

10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service

12:00 PM Live Nativity

Dress Rehearsal 6:00 PM Live Nativity

Monday, December 9

9:30 AM Line Dancing 10:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk

4:00 PM Chamber Choir

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Disciple III Class

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 AM MLBS

10:00 AM Crafty Ladies

In the Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM Music Ministry **Christmas Party**

Thursday, December 12

6:00 PM United Women of Faith **Christmas Party**

Our Commitment In Action Sunday, December 1 9:00 Early Worship 62 11:00 Traditional 93 **Worship TOTAL** 165

Our Gifts As Of Sunday November 24:

\$683,892.00 **Annual Budget:** \$13,151.77 Required each week: **Received YTD:** \$590,449.88 \$644,436.69 Required YTD:

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

www.iopmethodist.com

Alex Wilson, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Rev. Charles Phillips, Pastor

Julianne Wise, Office Manager



OUR CHURCH STAFF

caphillips@umcsc.org juliannewise@iopmethodist.com Jen Robertson, Director of Member Care and Development jenrobertson@iopmethodist.com Courtney Kraus, Director of Youth and Student Ministries courtneykraus@iopmethodist.com firstiopmusicministry@gmail.com

Marcie Lesesne, Nursery Coordinator 843-886-6610 / hello@iopmethodist.com www.iopmethodist.com | facebook.com/FUMCIOP Originated 1950



Our mission is to discover, celebrate,





Ministers: All People Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips E-Mail: caphillips@umcsc.org 12 21st Avenue, Isle of Palms, SC 29451 www.iopmethodist.com

Color: Blue December 8, 2024

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 11:00 AM WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The First Noel Alex Wilson

† The Processional Hymn UMH 179

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem KINGSFOLD

† Lighting of the Advent Wreath

† Musical Response

While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come

Children's Message Courtney Kraus

Choral Anthem

Love Is All Our Joy Malcom Archer

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

The Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

† The Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

The Message "Prepare the Way" Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 216

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN ROS

The Offertory

† The Doxology (Sung to the tune of Veni Emmanuel)

VENI EMMANUEL

BESANÇON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON

† Benediction and Choral Response UMH 202 (v. 2)

People, Look East

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

† Postlude

From Heaven to Earth I Come Johann Pachebel

Correction from December 1st Sunday Bulletin:

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,

In loving memory of Millie and Warren Taylor

by Dea and Lindsay Walker.

Serving Today:

Ushers: 9:00 Connie Johnson & Barb Keefer

11:00 Gerald & Wil Robertson

Lay Readers: 9:00 Susan Crocker

11:00 Denise Cohen

Shepherd: Mary Webb

First Friends: Set Up - Louanne Lassiter Clean Up - Katie Kegal

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! We invite you to visit our guest registration area in the narthex. 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 Worship Service. All ages welcome!

Anchor: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study material. Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

All Comers: Uses Bible-based Cokesbury study materials. Meets in the classroom next to the kitchen on the first floor of the Sanctuary building.

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

Coffee House: Casual conversation pertaining to everyday topics. Meets in the Bridal Room. Contact Jen Robertson for more information.

SOS: Join the SOS Sunday School class as we meet this Advent season Sundays at 10am upstairs in the Administration Building. We'll be discussing "Prepare Him Room- A Daily Advent Devotion." You're invited to set aside time each day to slow down, open God's Word, and prepare yourself for the arrival of Jesus, our Immanuel.

Announcements:

Local Mission: ECCO Outreach

As Tony the Tiger would say, "Great!" job team on your continuing support of our "FOOD TROLLEY". Needs for December are GRITS AND CEREAL. It takes "True Grit" for each of us to become serial "cereal donators! So if you're feeling your "Wheaties" show some Grit and make your donations to the "Food Trolley" this month.

Crafty Ladies Christmas Boutique: It's That Time of Year! The Crafty Ladies Christmas Boutique is here! In the Fellowship Hall near the stage. Check it out! Do you need gifts for family, friends, or hostesses? We have you covered! A new wreath for the front door? It's here! New ornaments for your tree? New items added weekly. Check them out in the boutique!

Poinsettia Order Forms: Poinsettia order forms are available to place in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one. Forms should be submitted to the Church Office by December 16th. The cost will be \$10. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Moscatello (843)-224-4369

HALOS: Thank you to all of you who have taken the time and money to purchase gifts for the children served by HALOS. The gifts are due back to the church on or before December 8. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Carpenter at 843-886-4308 or 843- 607-0951.

A Festival of Lessons and Carol: One 10:30AM Combined Worship Service on Sunday, December 22nd in the Sanctuary. Together, we will experience a Festival of Lessons and Carols to rejoice and herald the Coming King. Music and Scripture will guide us through the journey God's promise and grace for all people.