

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Announcements:

**ECCO (East Cooper Community Outreach):** For the month of **August**, ECCO is in need of the following items:

**Food Items:** Canned peas, canned chicken, soup, ketchup/mustard/mayonnaise. **Hygiene Items:** 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!

**Music Ministry:** Handbells begin at **4:30 p.m.**, dinner is at **5:30 p.m.**, and Chancel Choir rehearses at **6:30 p.m.** Whether you're an experienced musician or have always wanted to give it a try, there's a place for you. All are welcome, especially tenors and basses!

Children and Youth, you are invited to C.R.E.A.T.E. (Christ • Rhythm • Excellence • Arts • Teamwork • Expression) Sundays from 4:00–4:30 p.m. for youth in grades 1–8 following the Youth Schedule (See Courtney for more info). Through singing, instruments, handbells, and creative worship, children grow in faith while developing musical skills in a fun and encouraging environment.

**Meals on Wheels - Driver's Needed!** The Connections group at FUMC IOP is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals with Meals on Wheels in North Mount Pleasant on Fridays. You can always join us for a trial drive-along to see how this brief commitment fits into your schedule. Drivers needed as little as once or twice a quarter. Please reach out to Donny Taylor at (843)-412-3609 to get involved.

**Jesus in the Gospels - New Bible Study:** We will begin a new Bible study titled Jesus in the Gospels. This is a 30 week study that invites believers to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" We will be comparing the three synoptic Gospels and then taking on the Gospel of John. Please join us for a time of fellowship and study. We will begin on September 8th at 5:00pm and meet weekly. If you would like more information or have questions, please call Mike Holman (704)-477-4845.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, August 23

9:15 AM First Friends  
9:30 AM Adult Sunday School  
Classes  
10:00 AM Chancel Choir  
(Choir Room)  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
(Sanctuary)

### Monday, August 24

9:30 AM Devotional Beach Walk  
3:00 PM Sorenson "Requiem"  
Rehearsal (Choir Room)

### Tuesday, August 25

10:00 AM Church Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Finance Meeting  
(Boone Bowen)

### Wednesday, August 26

10:00 AM MLBS (Anchor classroom)  
4:30 PM Handbell Choir  
(Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 PM Chancel Choir  
(Choir Room)

**Rally Day:** We will have one worship service on Sunday, September 13th at 10:30 and there will be a POTLUCK lunch to follow that. We are asking that each family bring a dish for the potluck. The earlier you sign up the more likely you can bring what you would like. As we get closer to time we will have specific needs of what we do not have signed up yet. Please mark on your registration what your family will bring.

### Rally Day Registration:



### "Some Glad Mornings" - An Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

**A Seaside Serenades Concert Series Event:** Join us on September 13th at 6:30pm for an evening of beloved hymns, Southern Gospel favorites, congregational singing, instrumental music, and stories behind the hymns that we love. Everyone is welcome!

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Charles Phillips, Pastor

Jen Robertson, Director of Member Care and Development

Courtney Kraus, Director of Youth and Student Ministries

Julianne Wise, Office Manager

Alex Wilson, Director of Music and Worship Arts

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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Ministers: All People**

**Pastor: Rev. Charles A. Phillips**

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**Color: Green**

**August 23, 2026**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Chiming the Holy Trinity

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude  
Prayer of Meditation Mary McDonald

† The Processional Hymn UMH 158  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing SPANISH HYMN

† Opening Prayer

† Affirmation of Faith UMH 883 A Modern Affirmation  
We are not alone; we live in God’s world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God’s presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† Gloria Patri UMH 71  
Glory Be to the Father GREATOREX  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Message Courtney Kraus

Anthem  
The Storm is Passing Over Charles Tindley

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 Psalm Psalm 124

The Second Reading Romans 12:1-8

† The Scripture Lesson Matthew 16:13-20  
The Message “Keeping the Faith” Pastor Charles

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

† Hymn of Response UMH 128  
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought HE LEADETH ME

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer  
L: Lord, in your mercy,  
P: Hear our prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

The Offertory

† The Doxology UMH 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

† Hymn of Dedication UMH 130  
God Will Take Care of You MARTIN

† Words of Blessing and Choral Response UMH 143  
On Eagle’s Wings ON EAGLE’S WINGS  
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand. Amen.

† Postlude  
When In Our Music God is Glorified Matt Limbaugh

**Altar Flowers:**

Our altar flowers are to the glory of God,  
in loving memory of Moose Morris given by his family.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of  
God and in loving memory of Carlton and Wayne  
Whelan in commemoration of their 65th wedding  
anniversary on August 25th,  
by Karen and Whitney.

Serving Today:

Ushers: Laura Whitley and Gerald Robertson

Lay Readers: Megan and Griffin Burgoyne

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

**Our Commitment In Action**  
**Sunday, August 16**

**10:30 Worship Service TOTAL - 162**

**Our Gifts As Of Sunday, August 16:**  
Annual Budget: \$750,000.00  
Required each week: 14,423.08  
Required YTD: \$475,961.54  
Received YTD: \$399,264.51  
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