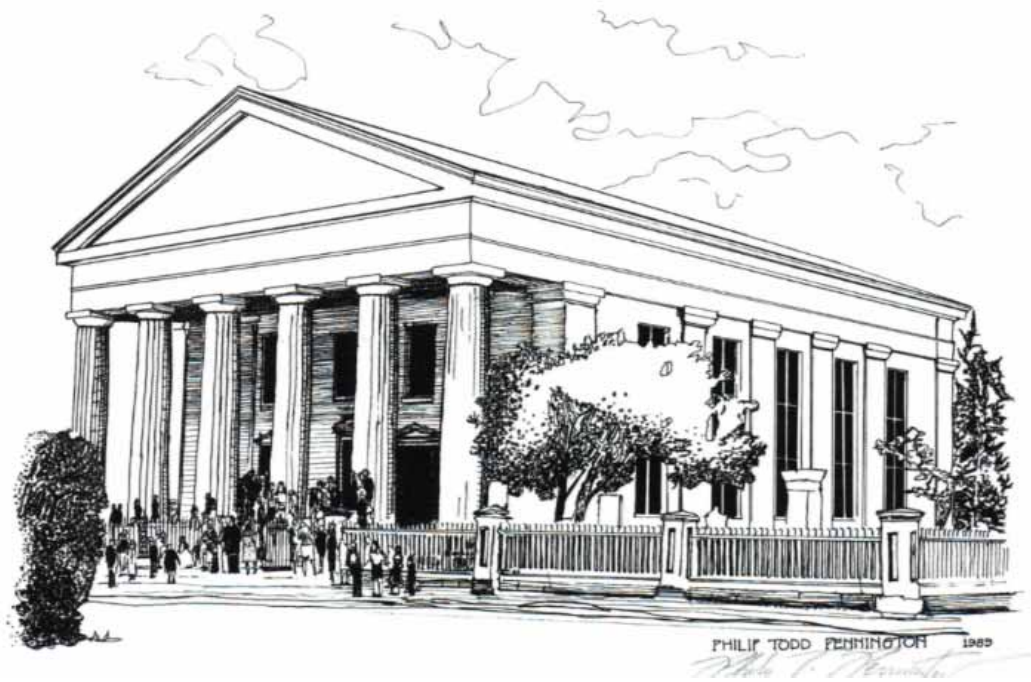


BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Since 1797, a Methodist Witness in the Heart of Charleston
A National Historic Landmark*



Our Mission *Sharing God's Love*

Our Vision *In response to God's love, we welcome all people and care for all Creation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we reflect the light of Christ as we worship and celebrate, teach and learn, witness and serve. As a church, we embrace our diverse community as a gift from God.*

January 29, 2012

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 29, 2012

The Music in Preparation for Worship is intended to draw the people from the outside world into the presence of God. You are invited to remain silent during this time.

GATHERING MUSIC

Agincourt Hymn
Fugue in C Major
Psalm 55:1

John Dunstable, English, c.1340-1453
Dietrich Buxtehude, German, 1637-1707
Raymond Haan, American, 1999

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Melody: F. J. Haydn; Setting: Bill Ingram, American, 2003

CHORAL INTROIT (11:15)

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.
O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, German, 1732; Music: Joachim Neander, German, 1680

*HYMN

God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

Hymnal, page 100

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (9:00)

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal, page 880

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal, page 70

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

ANTHEM (11:15) *Sheep May Safely Graze*

Flocks of sheep may safely graze while in their shepherd's tender care:
Safely graze and safely slumber, free from danger, free from hunger, in their shepherd's tender care.
As the shepherd leadeth well, so God, with kind and loving mind, leads those who in His care will dwell.
Where the shepherd leadeth well, there rest and peace abound,, and all that make a fair and joyful land.
Flocks of sheep may safely graze...

Text: After Psalm 23; Music: J. S. Bach, German, 1685-1750

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHORAL INVOCATION (11:15)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Text: from The Communion Rite; Music: Richard Proulx, American, 1971

SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

(During this time you are invited to offer your prayers to God at the altar or where you are seated.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE (11:15)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Text: from The Communion Rite; Music: Richard Proulx, American, 1971

*THE PSALTER

(from Psalm 111)

Hymnal, page 832

(11:15 a.m. only) The Psalm begins with the singing of the Psalm refrain. The choir introduces it, after which the congregation echoes the phrase. The Psalm refrain is repeated throughout the reading of the Psalm text at each point the red refrain mark is printed.)

THE OFFERING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

(9:00) *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.

I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing.

It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing? *No storm...*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine, since I am his! How can I keep from singing? *No storm...*

Text & Tune: Robert Lowry, American, 1826-1899; Choral Setting: John Barnard, American, 1996

(11:15) *Acclamation for Bells*

Music: Douglas Wagner, American, 1978

*THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, page 95

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Pass It On

Hymnal, page 572

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

I Corinthians 8: 1-13

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Stumbling Blocks?”

Rev. John L. Warren

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymnal, page 301

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15)

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:15)

Threefold Amen

Music: Richard Proulx, American, 1971

*POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel, German, 1653-1706

**Congregation is invited to stand*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

9:00am Musicians: The Bethel Cokesbury Chorale ; **Lay Reader:** John Ollis

Ushers: Buddy Davis, Joey Dixon, Michael Dixon, Fred Huggins, Greg Porter

11:15am Musicians: The Bethel Chancel Choir, Camille Wish, Assisting Conductor;

Acolyte: Tess Linker; **Crucifer:** Nathan Robbins; **Lay Reader:** Pam McMichael **Greeter:** Becky Moran

Ushers: Crystal Colgin, Bill Hamilton, Mack Lassiter, Russell Mims, Jim Taylor



*The altar flowers are offered to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Leonard & Tacie Ripley
given by the Ripley Trust*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY

Bettye Smith, mother of Sue Shingler, passed away Tuesday, January 24th in California. Please keep Sue and her family in your thoughts and prayers in these difficult days ahead.

HABITAT WORKDAY

The first Habitat Workday of the new year will be on February 4 at Joeva Cove in West Ashley. The time will be 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Contact John and Amelia Ollis for more information at 406-7635.

UMYF SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! 12:30 pm, February 5th

Join us for lunch in the fellowship hall on February 5th for fun and fellowship. UMYF will be collecting a special offering to benefit the "Souper Bowl of Caring" initiative on Super Bowl Sunday. Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities. Monetary donations and canned goods will fund Bethel's food bank, a local program fighting hunger every week! Lunch will be served following the 11:15 worship service and will feature delicious home-made soups from UMYF parents!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Singing is back in the Bethel Children's Sunday School rooms! Join us in Room #4 every Sunday at 10:45am for a time of singing and praise. While we will enjoy many different songs, we will focus on one song every four to five weeks in preparation to perform during the worship services one Sunday a month. We hope you can join us for this special opportunity!

BETHEL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jan 29 Ann Andrus, Ricky Linder **Jan 31** Katie Bevers, Mimi Cannon **Feb 1** Marion Schools **Feb 2** Buddy Davis, Butch Waters, Peggy Archambault **Feb 3** Fred Huggins **Feb 4** Jim Sawers, Joe DaPore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ann Andrus, Ricky Archambault, Dera Bicaise, Bobbie Blackburn, Marshall Burns, Edith Cook, Betty Davis, Lorraine Easterby, Jewel Felkel, David Fields, Janice Flynn, Ginny Ford, Nell Garris, Rembert Garris, Millie Jernigan, Pharen Johnson, Dorothy Anne LeMacks, Becky Moran, Jim Sawers, Oscar Vick, Jean Williamson, Oliver Williamson

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship

Monday, January 30

9:30 a.m. Disciple Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Citadel Wesley, The Citadel's Mark Clark Hall
6:00 p.m. Outreach
6:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Susanna Wesley Circle

Tuesday, January 31 **Bulletin Deadline**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. GAP Bible Study & Supper

Wednesday, February 1

10:30 a.m. Lambuth-McEldowney Circle
6:00 p.m. C of C Wesley @ Chip Center
6:15 p.m. Gallery Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Cokesbury Chorale
10:15 a.m. Prayer Ministry
12:30 p.m. Kendrick-Rodgers Circle

Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Habitat Workday

Sunday, February 5

7:30 a.m. Men's Club Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship
12:30 a.m. UMYF Souper Bowl Lunch



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