

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshiping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page. Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or bethelrockhill@gmail.com.

This Week

- **Today** – Song Sunday.
- **Today** – Rev. Sutton is on vacation today.
- **Wednesday** – Final Advent Bible study at 12:30 pm.
- **Wednesdays** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8:00 pm.
- **Thursday** – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm. For volunteer opportunities, including providing desserts, please contact Lisa Bobak at venicegranny@gmail.com or 315-868-0485.
- **Saturday** – LCA Laity at Journey UMC, 1151 Longgreen Parkway, Columbia SC.

Upcoming

- 1/11 – Baptism of the Lord – Baptism tags and remembering our baptism.
1/14 – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at Mary' Café, 1349 Firetower Road, Rock Hill.
1/15 – Soup Kitchen from 11am – 1:00 pm.

	01/04/26	01/11/26	01/18/26
Liturgist	Tim Smith	Gabrial Wade	Marc Sutton
Children's Time	Michaela Sanford	Cynthia Bickel	Rev. Emily Sutton
Nursery	Marc Sutton	Allyson Reid	Cindy Day
Counter	TBD	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Chad Williams	Debbie Harris	Sherri Pankratz
Usher	TBD	Debbie Harris	Michaela Sanford
Usher	Chad Williams	Tim Smith	Sherri Pankratz
Communion	N/A	Lisa Bobak	N/A

	Month of November	November YTD
Tithes and Offerings	\$ 15,731.00	\$ 110,034.69
Expenses	<u>(\$8,918.77)</u>	<u>(\$134,396.84)*</u>
	<u>\$ 6,812.23</u>	<u>\$ (24,362.15)</u>
	December 24	December 28
In-person Attendance		23
Plate Budget Received	\$488.00	\$1,865.00

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Pianist	Dena Wade
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Music Leader	Chris Wade
Pastor	Rev. Emily Sutton

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *There's a Song in the Air* UMH# 249

OPENING PRAYER

Light of God, we give thanks for a new year. We pray that you will illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope, and salvation. Light of God, in our worship this day, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each of us here and those gathered online with the Holy Spirit today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

~Adapted from the prayer written by Kwasi I. Kena, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2006).

*OPENING HYMN *Joy to the World* UMH# 246

*APOSTLES' CREED UMH# 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri* UMH# 70

PROCLAMATION

*HYMN *Away in a Manger* UMH# 217

CHILDREN'S TIME Michaela Sanford

SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 31:7-14* Tim Smith

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks, Be to God.

*HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth (sung twice)* UMH# 431

SCRIPTURE *John 1:1-18* Michaela Sanford

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.
P: Thanks, Be to God.

IN PLACE OF THE SERMON, WE WILL SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS:

<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	vs. 1 & 4	UMH# 218
<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	vs. 1 & 4	UMH# 220
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	vs. 1 & 4	UMH# 221
<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!</i>	vs. 1 & 3	UMH# 224
<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	vs. 1 – 4	UMH# 230
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	vs. 1 – 3, 6	UMH# 234
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	vs. 1 – 4	UMH# 238
<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i>	vs. 1 – 3	UMH# 240

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers.

LORD'S 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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH# 251

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able