

ORDER OF WORSHIP
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4, 202610:00 AMWhite

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♣LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS

PRELUDE:

INTROIT:

INVOCATION:Carolyn Dahl

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: *There's a Song in the Air*UMH #249

♣CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

People: O Lord, call us so we may hear *Your* voice.

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

Guide us as we look to You and worship You.

Leader: Arise, shine! Your light has come!

People: Glory to God in the highest.

♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY

INVITATION / CONFESSION AND PARDON:
SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE IIUMH #12

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CALL TO PRAYER: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*Chancel Choir

MORNING PRAYER

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE

CHILDREN'S TIME:Lindsay Jackson

LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY:

♣DOXOLOGY:UMH #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Thy Word is a Lamp*UMP #601 vs. 1

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL LESSON:Matthew 2:1-12Katrina Barton

ANTHEM: *We Three Kings*

SERMON: 'Affirming the King'Rev. Paula J. Stover

♣AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' CreedUMH #881

♣GLORIA PATRIUMH #70

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION:

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE IIUMH #13

THE PRAYER OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

SENDING FORTH

♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: *We Three Kings*UMH #254

♣CHARGE AND BLESSINGRev. Paula J. Stover

♣BENEDICTION:Chancel Choir

♣POSTLUDE:Chancel Choir

♣Congregation Stands [Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit]



We welcome you to Socastee United Methodist Church!
Thank you for worshipping with us today. We love our new and returning guests and ask that you please put your name and contact information in one of our red pads found in the pews so we can welcome you and get to know you.

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Nursery is available in the rear of the sanctuary for children through age 4 during Sunday School and worship.
Children's Church is available for ages 4yrs – 3rd grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children's Time.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We will receive new members on Sunday, January 25. If you have questions about joining the church, please contact Pastor Paula by calling the church office at (843) 650-3373.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS

Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the Fellowship Hall, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, every Sunday.

SERVING TODAY

Choir Director: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Pianist: Lauren Willis

Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Ginger Ford, Xander Jackson

Steward: Jean Haselden

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today:January 4

10:00 AMEpiphany of the Lord

Monday:January 5

5:00 PMCub Scouts Pack 891/FH

7:00 PMBoy Scout Troop 891/FH

Tuesday:January 6

9:00 AMStitcher's/John Wesley

5:30 PMGirl Scouts/FH

Wednesday:January 7

9:00 AMTLC Chapel/NS

4:00 PMDisciple 1 Bible Study/John Wesley

5:30 PMKidz United/FH

5:45 PMAdult Bell Choir/Bell Room

6:45 PMChancel Choir Practice/FH-109

Thursday:January 8

10:30 AMThursday Bible Study/John Wesley

12:00 PMGracie's Heart/John Wesley

Friday:January 9

6:00 PMLine Dancing Class/FH

UPCOMING MISSIONS MEETING

The Missions Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 13th, at 6:00 pm in the John Wesley room. Anyone who feels led to work as the hands and feet of Jesus in the new year is welcome to attend. Feel free to call Gail Collins with any questions. 843-421-6816

SENIOR SINGLES

The next Senior Singles outing is on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Judy Boone's in Murrells Inlet at 5:30 pm. Please let Al Wood or Joanne Ryals know if you will attend so they can make the reservation.

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: Tom Chandler, Beverly Moretz
In Rehabilitation: No one at this time.
In Home Visitations: Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & Emily Michael

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY MEMBERS IN PRAYER

The addresses of all our military family members will be held in the office and can be made available to anyone who would like them.

♣Major Jon-Michael Farino (USAF)	♣CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
♣Captains Jennifer and Marc Melfi	♣SSgt. Warren Scoggin
♣Airman First Class Cassie Edwards	♣CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
♣Captain Melisa Hedges	♣M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
♣Specialist Isaac Hedges	♣Airman William Rogers

UNITED METHODIST ADVOCATE

If you are a new member of SUMC, you are entitled to a FREE one-year subscription to “The United Methodist Advocate,” the monthly Methodist newspaper found in South Carolina. If you are interested, please contact the church office at (843) 650-3373.

BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Women of Hope have partnered with Dale Willoughby to ensure that we have adequate food to be placed in The Blessing Box. Food Lion has donated reusable grocery bags which can be picked up in the narthex. For your convenience a list of appropriate items is attached to each bag. You may return your bag/s to the narthex on the first Sunday of each month, or you may drop them off at the church office, Monday-Thursday, between 8:30AM and 3:30PM.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

December 28, 2025

Christmas Eve Services – 143
Christmas Eve Online Views - 69
Sunday School – 0 10:00 AM Service – 86
Kidz United –0 Online Views – 53

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [12/28/2025]

Received this week2,572.00
Received this week online.....231.05
Received Christmas Eve.....3,290.00
Received this year322,946.25
Operating expenses thru November 2025.....384,593.26
Carryover Funds used thru November 2025.....89,349.22

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

*“I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing”
2 Samuel 24:24*

Received for Advent/Christmas.....880.00
Received to complete Fellowship Hall **[12/28/2025]**190.00
Loan Balance as of **[11/23/2025]** on Fellowship Hall...159,548.41
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....1,425.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign.....15,125.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [12/21/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....20.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund6,875.00

**IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS
[12/28/2025]**

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....46.50
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]...18,647.39

GIVING QR CODE



In an effort to make it easier for regular attenders and visitors to give online, we have included a QR code on the bulletin. Simply scan the code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.

*We are a loving
congregation that
shows the love of
Christ to the world.*



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