

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 25, 2026 10:00 am

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GATHERING

RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
* LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: *Be Thou My Vision*
INTROIT: *Spirit Song*

INVOCATION: Dale Fryer
* HYMN OF PRAISE: *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* UMH #101

* CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.
People: Let us join hearts and voices in praise.
Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.
People: Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.
Leader: We practice our faith in many different ways.
People: Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

*RINGING OF THE TRINITY
CONSECRATION OF 2026 LEADERS

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP
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: *People Need the Lord*

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH #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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Corinthians 1:10-18 Katrina Barton

ANTHEM: *Press On* Chancel Choir

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23 Rev. Paula J. Stover

SERMON: "To Be United" Rev. Paula J. Stover

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH #881

* GLORIA PATRI: *Glory Be to the Father* UMH #70

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH #557
* CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Paula J. Stover
* BENEDICTION: *Seven Fold Amen* Chancel Choir
* POSTLUDE : *All Glory Laud and Honor*

*Congregation Stands—Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit.



Flowers for today were given to the glory of God by Ginger Ford and Neal Smith in loving memory of their parents, Ed and Jackie Kimball.



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.

Lectionary Readings for:

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 1, 2026

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

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 4 yrs—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.

Serving Today

Choir Director/Pianist: Lauren Willis

Organist: Marianne Eaton

Ushers: Steve Shuppy, Ginger Ford,

Xander Jackson, Aiden Jackson

Steward: Jean Haselden

February Steward: Jay Barton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC

Today: 10:00 am	January 25 Third Sunday After The Epiphany/NS
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	January 26 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	January 27 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday: 9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	January 28 TLC Chapel/NS Thursday Bible Study/JW Book Club/JW Disciple Bible Study/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 12:00 pm	January 29 Gracie's Heart/JW
Friday: 6:00 pm	January 30 Line Dancing/FH
Saturday	January 31 No Events Scheduled

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

*Captain Jennifer and Marc Melfi

*SSgt. Warren Scoggan

*Airman First Class Cassie Edwards

*CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman

*Captain Melissa Hedges

*M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin

*Specialist Isaac Hedges

*Airman William Rogers

Bible Study Update

The Bible Study scheduled for Thursday, January 29th has been **re-scheduled** to Wednesday, January 28th at 10:30 am in the John Wesley Room.

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.

Operation Warm

Between next Sunday, January 25 through the last Sunday of February, the Women of Hope are accepting donations of new or gently used gloves, mittens, and socks for our neighbors in need. This includes men, women, and children. There will be a collection box in the Narthex and one in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your warm generosity during these cold months.

New Directions

On Monday, January 19, 2026, we had the pleasure of serving dinner to approximately 150 homeless and hungry people at New Directions. We prayed with them before the meal and we were the ones blessed by their sincere appreciation and friendliness. We want to thank the volunteers who gave their time and energy to prepare the meal and serve it: Mike Greenwood and Shirley Rossi, Laura and Keith Marin, Peggy Packard and Barbara Wolfe for baking. It is truly a blessing to be a part of a group of people who are so willing to give their time and talents to serve others in need. Thank you to our church family for supporting this very important mission opportunity.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Please join us for the Salkehatchie Fundraiser Sunday, February 8th in the Fellowship Hall right after worship and have some delicious soup. If you are willing to make soup, please reach out to Lindsay at lindsayjackson816@gmail.com or Carly at carlymichelle45@gmail.com.

OUR PRESENCE 1/18/2026		OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT	
10am Service	84	In Hospital	No one at this time.
On-Line Views	79	In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
		In Home Visitations	Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 1/18/2026 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$5,772.20
YTD Receipts	\$21,639.54
YTD Expenses	Will report in February

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$255.00
YTD Receipts	\$1,165.00
Required Monthly	\$3,176.26
Loan Balance as of 12/31/25	\$157,026.18

1875 Sanctuary	
Received this week	\$0
YTD Receipts	\$0
Account Balance as of 1/11/26	\$6,895.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS	
Coins of Change Received this week	\$35.00
YTD Receipts	\$182.00
Balance as of 1/11/26	\$18,829.39



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Scan this QR code with your smart phone and the link will take you directly to our secure online giving site in Realm.



Pastor: Rev. Paula J. Stover



Our Vision

Our Vision is to love God and our neighbors. As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we welcome, receive, and nurture all who come to us.

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CONSECRATION OF 2026 LEADERS

Today, we install the members of the Church Council, Trustees, and the Administrative Committees of Finance, Staff/Pastor Parish Relations, and the Committee on Nominations and Leadership, as well as those who lead our Program Committees: Education, Worship, Missions, Hospitality, and the Cemetery committee.

To the leaders:

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

Prayer

To the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities to which they have been called, giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

We will.

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP

Rev. Cynthia Dyer - retired Charge Conference

Eddie Dyer - upon transfer

Janice Brian - affiliate member

As members of this congregation of The United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

To the Congregation:

Brothers and Sisters, members of the household of God, I commend these brothers and sisters to your love and care whom we this day receive into the professing membership of this congregation. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace. Welcome.