

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HANGING OF THE GREENS
November 30, 2025 10:00 AM Blue
GATHERING
RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
♣LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: I Will Be Here
INTROIT: Come Christians Join to Sing
INVOCATION Jerry Loiselle
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus No. 196
♣CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?
People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ ?
People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.
Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?
People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.
Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.
ALL: Glory to God in the highest!
♣RINGING OF THE TRINITY
BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES Rev. Stover
LET US LIGHT THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
Isaiah 60:2-3
HANGING OF THE GREENS
THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE
Jeremiah 33:14-16 Rev. Stover
THE BEGINNING AND THE END
Revelation 22:12-13, 16 Janice Brian/Joanne Ryals
GOD WILL SEND A RIGHTEOUS KING
Jeremiah 23:5-6 Jan Terrell/Julie Faye
THE PROPHET DECLARES A CHILD WILL BE BORN
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Mary and Craig Campbell

THE FOURTH SERVANT SONG
Isaiah 53:1-6 Janet and John McLaughlin
THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION
John 1:1-5, 9-14 Susan and Jimmy Redmon
BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE Rev. Stover
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
CALL TO PRAYER: O Lord Hear My Prayer
MORNING PRAYER / The Lord’s Prayer
LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR COINS OF CHANGE
CHILDREN’S TIME: Lindsay Jackson
LET US WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY: Great Is the Lord
♣DOXOLOGY No. 95
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION praying together
Lord, we seek your truth. Open our hearts to the wonders of your work and the wisdom of your word. Amen.
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44 Charlotte Loiselle
ANTHEM: Breathe on Me Breath of God
AN ADVENT MESSAGE Rev. Paula J Stover
BAPTISM AND RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP
SENDING FORTH
♣HYMN OF DEDICATION: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 211
♣BENEDICTION: Seven Fold Amen
♣POSTLUDE:
♣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 & CHILDREN’S CHURCH
Nursery is available at the rear of the sanctuary. 0-age 4.
Children’s Church is available for ages 4yrs – 3rd grade in the Fellowship Hall after Children’s Time.

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: Jimmy Redmon, Barbara Gulino, Xander Jackson, and Zane Jackson
Steward: George Grzeszkowiak

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC</u>	
Today:	November 30
10:00 AM	Worship/NS
Monday:	December 1
5:00 PM	Cub Scout Pack 891/FH
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday:	December 2
9:00 AM	Stitchers/John Wesley
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts/FH
Wednesday:	December 3
9:30 AM	TLC - Chapel/NS
5:30 PM	Kidz United/OS
5:45 PM	Adult Bell Choir/Bell Room
6:45 PM	Chancel Choir Practice/FH-109
Thursday:	December 4
10:30 AM	Thursday Bible Study/John Wesley
Friday	December 5
6:00 PM	Line Dancing Class/FH

STAFF LOVE OFFERING
Please plan on donating to the Christmas love offering for our church employees. You can use the love offering envelope provided or give on Realm. Please write “staff gift” on checks and envelopes. The total amount is split evenly among them. Thank you for giving to our amazing staff members. The last day for giving is Sunday, December 14.

Christmas Dinner
Save the Date: On December 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, SUMC UMM and Women of Hope are sponsoring a Christmas Dinner for all to attend. Please sign up on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the entrances by the Bell Choir Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS
The flower chart for 2026 is now up in the Narthex. Flowers can again be ordered from Ginger Ford at 919-812-7441 or from any venue you choose (grocery store, florist etc.) The price for flowers provided by Ginger Ford for 2 flower arrangements has increased to \$45. Please also notify the church office by email of your tribute for the bulletin: sumc@socasteeumc.org

OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

In Hospital: No one at this time.

In Rehabilitation: No one at this time.

In Home Visitations: Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & Emily Michael

In Hospice: No one at this time.

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

ANGEL TREE 2025

The Angel Tree is located in the back of the sanctuary. This mission assists families of Plantation Apartments with Christmas gifts for their children. If you'd like to participate, select an angel from the tree and then see the missions committee person on "tree duty" to sign out the name and receive the child's wish list. Please return gifts to the tree by December 14th.

FOOD DRIVE

Thank you, thank you, SUMC, for your outpouring of generosity in supporting Socastee Food Pantry. They send heartfelt appreciation.

GEORGETOWN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

THANKSGIVING FEAST

We delivered 20 turkeys, 20 hams, and an amazing array of side dishes and desserts for the GCDC inmates and staff. They are tremendously grateful.

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.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We will receive new members on Sunday, December 28. If you have questions about joining the church, please contact Pastor Paula by calling the church office at (843) 650-3373.

A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS & ATTENDANCE

November 23, 2025

Sunday School – 9 10:00 AM Service – 102

Kidz United –6 Online Views – 77

BUDGETING OPERATING FUND [11/23/2025]

Received this week	4,340.50
Received this week online.....	630.00
Received this year	293,704.99
Operating expenses thru October 2025.....	334,936.22
Carryover Funds used thru October 2025.....	74,277.33

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS [11/23/2025]

Haiti.....	50.00
Wonderful Wednesday.....	120.45
Poinsettia's.....	190.00

BUILDING TOGETHER FOR TODAY & TOMORROW

"I will not offer to God that which cost me nothing"

2 Samuel 24:24

Received to complete Fellowship Hall [11/23/2025]	215.00
Loan Balance as of [10/26/2024] on Fellowship Hall...	162,038.79
Balance of Fellowship Hall Campaign Fund.....	2,365.00
YTD contributions for Fellowship Hall Campaign.....	13,035.00

1875 SANCTUARY CONTRIBUTIONS [11/23/2025]

Received for 1875 Sanctuary.....	0.00
Balance of 1875 Sanctuary Fund	6,875.00

IMPROVEMENTS FOR PRESENT BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

[11/23/2025]

Received in Coins of Change for Improvements.....	70.00
Improvement Fund & Coins of Change Balance [CIF]...	18453.34

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.

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.



First Sunday of Advent

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