


ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 1, 2026 10:00 am Green


GATHERING
RINGING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
* LET US GREET OUR WORSHIPING NEIGHBORS
PRELUDE: *The Family of God*
INTROIT: *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord*
INVOCATION: Paula Fryer
* HYMN OF PRAISE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH #154
* CALL TO WORSHIP:
Leader: Happy are we when our treasures cannot be quantified.
People: Happy are we when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
Leader: Happy are we when our pain is held in the balm of love.
People: Happy are we when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.
All: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord together.
*RINGING OF THE TRINITY
CONSECRATION OF 2026 LEADERS
INVITATION/CONFESSION AND PARDON
A Service of Word and Table II UMH #12
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE
CALL TO PRAYER: *Open Our Eyes Lord* 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: *Fairest Lord Jesus*
* 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 1:18-31 Peggy Packard
ANTHEM: *Carry the Light* Chancel Choir
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-7 Rev. Paula J. Stover
SERMON: "Showing Through" Rev. Paula J. Stover
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH #881
* GLORIA PATRI: *Glory Be to the Father* UMH #70

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
HOLY COMMUNION: *A Service of Word and Table II* UMH #13
THE PRAYER OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
THE LORD'S PRAYER
DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS
SENDING FORTH
* HYMN OF DEDICATION: *Take Up Thy Cross* UMH #415
* CHARGE AND BLESSING
* BENEDICTION: *Amen* Chancel Choir
* POSTLUDE: *I am Thine O Lord*

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



Flowers for today were given to the glory of God by Charlie French in memory of his parents, Charles and Nora French.



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.

Lectioary Readings for:
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 8, 2026
Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
I Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20

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, February 22. 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: Alice Dunn, Mary Lehr,
Barbara Gulino, Neal Smith
Steward: Jay Barton
March Steward: George Grzeszkowiak

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK AT SUMC	
Today: 10:00 am	February 1 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany/NS
Monday: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	February 2 Cub Scouts Pack 891/FH Boy Scout Troop 891/FH
Tuesday: 9:00 am 5:30 pm	February 3 Stitchers/JW Girl Scouts
Wednesday: 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:45 pm 6:45 pm	February 4 TLC Chapel/NS Disciple Bible Study/FH Adult Bell Choir/Bell Choir Room Chancel Choir Practice/Choir Room
Thursday: 10:30 pm	February 5 Thursday Bible Study/JW
Friday:	February 6 No Events Scheduled
Saturday	February 7 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)
*Captain Jennifer and Marc Melfi
*Airman First Class Cassie Edwards
*Captain Melissa Hedges
*Specialist Isaac Hedges

*CT4 Halle Rae Anderson
*SSgt. Warren Scoggin
*CM Sgt. Jessica Heilman
*M/Sgt. Nicolas McLaughlin
*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.

Operation Warm

The Women of Hope are accepting donations of new or gently used gloves, mittens, and socks for our neighbors in need through the last Sunday of February. 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.

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 lindsayjackon816@gmail.com or Carly at carlymichelle45@gmail.com.

Senior Singles

The next Senior Singles outing is on Thursday, February 5 at El Cerro Mexican Bar and Grill, 2738 Beaver Run Blvd at 5:30 pm. Please let Al Wood or Joanne Ryals know if you want to attend so they can make a reservation.

Serve Joyfully

Needed: An individual or a team to create and maintain the small fellowship hall bulletin board located by the double doors. They can be decorated seasonally or related to a specific group, event, etc.—your choice. If you're a retired teacher who is missing the solid click of a stapler, this may be for you! Contact Gail Collins if you are interested in this task. wgailcollins@gmail.com or 843-421-6816.

Audio/Visual Talents Needed

Each week we welcome people into worship with us by livestreaming on YouTube Live. We also appreciate our sound system that allows us to hear important elements of worship. If you are willing to learn and serve in this way, please let us know by contacting the church office.

OUR PRESENCE 1/25/2026		OUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT	
10am Service	82	In Hospital	No one at this time.
On-Line Views	109	In Rehabilitation	No one at this time.
		In Home Visitations	Kate Eley, Charlotte Minnick, & Emily Michael

OUR GIFTS as of 1/25/2026 Operating Fund	
Received this week	\$3,961.00
YTD Receipts	\$25,600.54
YTD Expenses	Will report in February

Fellowship Hall	
Received this week	\$360.00
YTD Receipts	\$1,525.00
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 1/25/26	\$6,895.00

Improvements for Present Building//Grounds	
Coins of Change Received this week	\$60.00
YTD Receipts	\$242.00
Balance as of 1/25/26	\$18,889.39



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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.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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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