

THE SANCTUARY

First Sunday after Christmas • December 29, 2024 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

GATHERING Sellers

CENTERING "O Holy Child of Bethlehem"
The congregation is encouraged to join in singing.

"O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel."

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* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* **GREETING** Brown
Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Leader: What has come into being in him is life, and the life is the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overtake it.

* **CAROL** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Sayre
"The Apostles' Creed" No. 881

* **CHRISTMAS GLORIA**
"Gloria in Excelsis Deo"

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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* **WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHRISTMAS PRAISE
"Angels from the Realms of Glory" Smart/arr. Morris
Sanctuary Handbell Choir

COLLECT

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

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* **CAROL** "Away in a Manger" No. 217

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **CAROL** "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-46

SERMON "The Work After Christmas" Brown

OFFERTORY "Joy to the World" arr. Bell

* **CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(tune: What Child Is This)

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary."

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* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
Almighty God, we give thanks for the light of Christ that continues to shine in our world today. We thank you for every good deed that is inspired by the goodness of your Son, who lived among us, as one of us, and teaches us to live as he did, with holiness. We give thanks for every way in which your divine will is being done on Earth today, as it is in Heaven. Sanctify us also, to become those who do your will. By your mercy and grace, be born into our hearts again we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 251

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL**
Please remain in place and join in singing.

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

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* **POSTLUDE** "He Is Born" arr. Hustad

*Rise in body or spirit.

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME Malambri

OPENING PRAYER

* **SONG** "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

* **SONG** "Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
"The Apostles' Creed"

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG "Mary Did You Know"

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:21-35

MESSAGE "It's a Boy!" Malambri

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **SONG** "God So Loved"

* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* **BENEDICTION**

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, J.T. Brown, Sandra Stevens Poirer
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Keith Clarke,
Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

Announcements

■ **Belin Youth** will not meet this afternoon, but will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Youth Prayer breakfast will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7 AM at the Chick-fil-A in Murrells Inlet.

■ District Superintendent Steve Brown has authorized a called **Charge Conference meeting** to be part of the regularly scheduled **Church Council meeting** at 6 PM on Monday, January 6, 2025. The purpose of the Charge Conference shall be to elect leadership for the following positions: Nominations Team Class of 2027 (3 persons), Chair of Safe Sanctuaries Team, a Young Adult representative, a Women's representative, and a Treasurer. All are welcome to attend the Charge Conference and Church Council meeting; only members of the Charge Conference are eligible to vote.

■ Due to the holidays, the **Rollie Hanna Breakfast** group will next gather on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

■ **Belin Memorial** invites you to a celebration on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 10 AM in the Family Life Center honoring Ms. Myrt, who has cared for children in the Belin nursery for over 60 years. For more information, contact Kim Oakley, (kimo@belinumc.org, 843.357.5194) Director of Children's Ministries.

■ In 1925, our church was founded in Murrells Inlet, SC, and named in memory of the Rev. James Lynch Belin. On Sunday, January 19, 2025, Belin Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its **Centennial Celebration**. The four regularly scheduled services will be held, with special focus on the day of celebration. At 12:30 PM we will gather at the site of our 1925 sanctuary for a short prayer ceremony. We will then proceed to the Family Life Center for a fellowship gathering where we will greet our special guests, enjoy a "lite lunch" catered by Inlet Affairs, see Belin history in photos, books, and video, and experience the "100 Years of Joy" room with period toys for the children and the young at heart. Please contact Mike Speranzella at (mike.speranzella@sccoast.net) for more information.

Dates to Remember

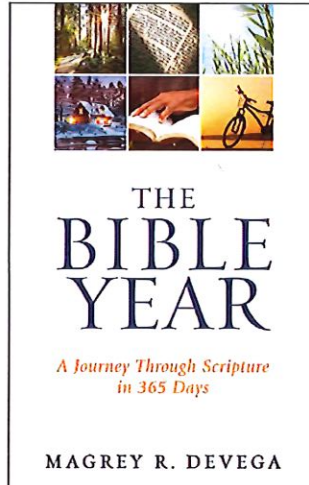
- **December 30**, 10 AM: Bridge (FLC)
- **December 30**, 5 PM: Youth Basketball Practice (FLC)
- **December 31**, 9 AM: Sweet Grass Basket Weaving (FLC)
- **December 31**, **Church Office closes at 2 PM**
- **January 1**, **Closed for New Year's Day**
- **January 2**, 12 PM–4 PM: Pickleball Play (FLC)
- **January 3**, 5 PM: Youth Basketball Practice (FLC)
- **January 4**, 8 AM–5PM: Youth Basketball games (FLC)

In Worship Together

Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To be a place for you to discover love, find purpose, and make a difference.

Our Journey: To connect, grow, and serve.



Daily Study Guide for The Bible Year:

Readings for week of December 30, 2024

Monday, December 30 - Luke 8:40 to 9:62
Tuesday, December 31 - Luke 10:1 to 11:36
Wednesday, January 1 - Luke 11:37 to 12:59
Thursday, January 2 - Luke 13:1 to 14:35
Friday, January 3 - Luke 15:1 to 16:31
Saturday, January 4 - Luke 17:1 to 18:43
Sunday, January 5 - Luke 19:1 to 19:48

Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- **Zoom Meeting**
resumes on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6 PM
- **Dinner for Eight**
resumes on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM

On January 19, Belin Memorial UMC will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary. The Centennial Team invites our church bakers to participate by baking a cake or cookies to share as desserts during the Family Life Center fellowship gathering. We are hoping to have thirty cakes for the event. Feel free to use an old family recipe in honor of our 100th Anniversary.

Baked goods will be collected at the Family Life Center on Saturday January 18, from 12 NOON through 4 PM. Please contact Geri Miller at gerimiller@sccoast.net to confirm your baked goods donation and see belinumc.org/now for more Centennial Celebration information.



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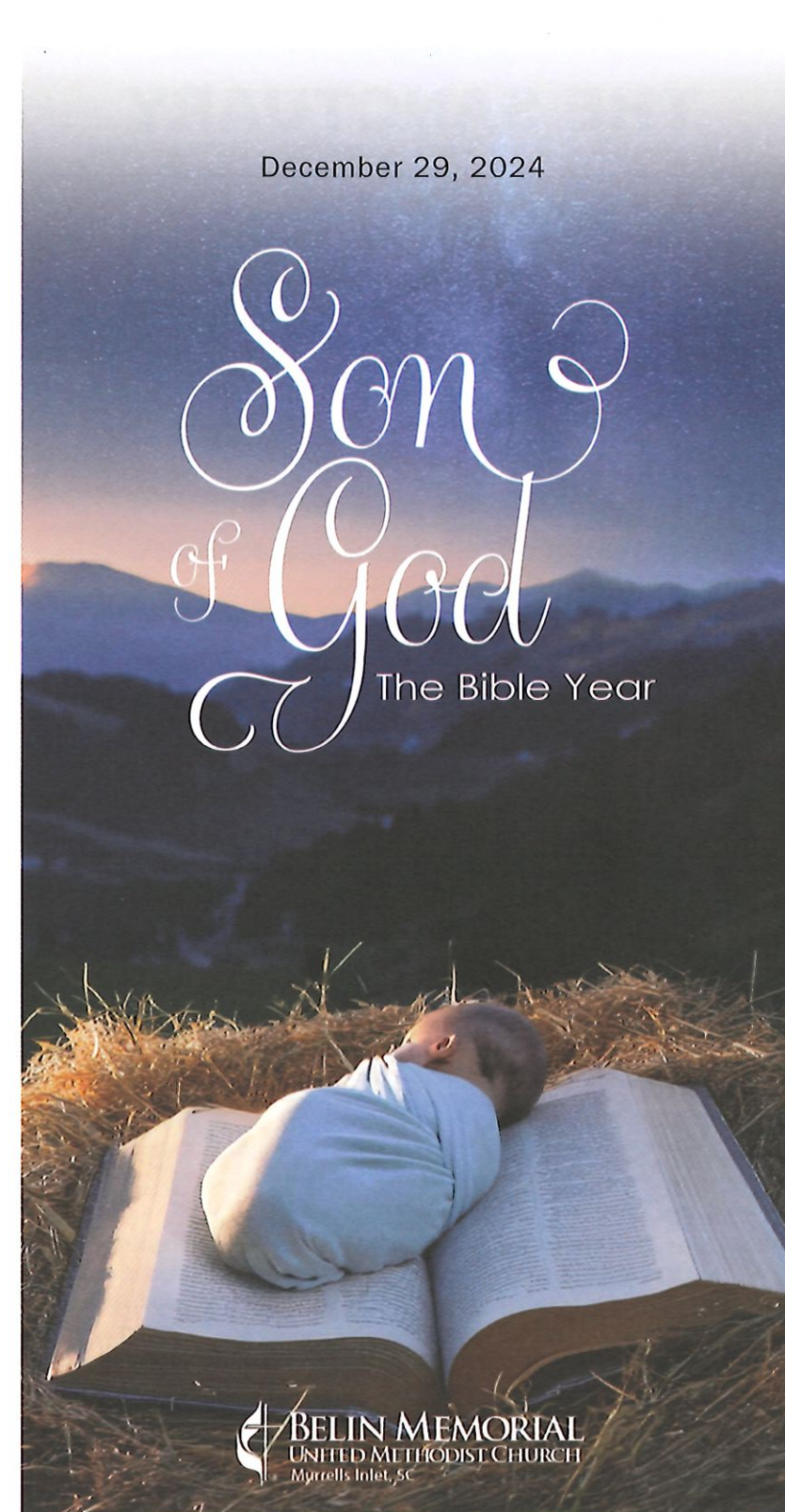
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Son
of
God
The Bible Year



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