

THE SANCTUARY

Third Sunday in Lent • March 23, 2025 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

GATHERING Sellers

CENTERING “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”

“Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter Day.”

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* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* **GREETING** Brown
Leader: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!

People: God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

* **HYMN** “O For a Heart to Praise My God” No. 417

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Sayre
“The Apostles’ Creed” No. 881

* **GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” No. 71

* **WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, teach us temperance and self-control, that we may live in the Spirit and be mindful of all that Jesus endured and sacrificed for our sakes, and how he was made perfect through sufferings. Help us so to keep the fast that you have chosen, that we may join you in loosing the bonds of wickedness, undoing the heavy burdens, and bringing freedom to the oppressed. Although we have often fallen short in our efforts to follow Christ into your holy work of loving ministry, hear our humble confessions and forgive us we pray, through Christ our Lord.

WORDS OF PARDON

LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 99

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN MEDITATION “His Hands”

“His hands took the impact of the fall when He stumbled as a child; little hands, ever gentle, ever kind. His fingers, learning, changing, as He grew from boy to man; His hands, flesh and blood, yet divine. His hands knew the roughness of the wood, knew the texture of the grain; working hands knew each curve and every line. The carpenter’s apprentice, gaining skill with wood and nail; His hands, flesh and blood, yet divine. His hands blessed the bread and the multitude was fed. His touch turned the water into wine. His hands reached out as He said, ‘Lazarus come back from the dead!’ All power on earth is His to command with heaven’s voice, heaven’s hands, His hands. His hands humbly washed the dusty feet of His disciples, one by one; washed the feet that those very hands designed. Those hands that serve and lend, hands that cure and heal and mend; Jesus’ hands will bear the scars meant for mine, meant for mine. His hand, flesh and blood, yet divine.”

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* **HYMN** “My Hope Is Built” No. 368

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:13-23

SERMON “When You Know Better, You Do Better” Brown

OFFERTORY “How Beautiful” Paris/arr. McDonald, Shackley

* **DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 95

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O Almighty and forgiving God, we your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness, to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that our hearts may be thankful, and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* **HYMN** “Grace Greater than Our Sin” No. 365

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND RECESSIONAL**

PLEASE remain in place and join in singing.

“Lift High the Cross”

Lift high the cross,

the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

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* **POSTLUDE** “O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart’s Desire” Herman

** Rise in body or spirit.*

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME Stevens Poirer

OPENING PRAYER

* **SONG** “Blessed Assurance”

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:45 AM)
Tammy and Randy Eudy

* **SONG** “Goodness Of God”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
“The Apostles’ Creed”

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CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “My Jesus”

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 1:1-9

MESSAGE “My Hope is Built” Stevens Poirer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* **SONG** “I Speak Jesus”

* **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

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Kim Magann, family and friends on the death of her husband, Mac Magann (Murrells Inlet, SC); to the Wicks family and friends on the death of Joyce Wicks (Watkins Glen, NY); to Karon Fogle, family and friends on the death of her husband, Wayne Fogle (Murrells Inlet, SC).

■ The **United Methodist Men** meeting is Monday, March 31, at 6 PM in the Family Life Center. Gordon Myers is preparing "Brenda's Special Spaghetti" with all the fixings. To RSVP or for more information contact Gordon Myers (gordonmyers.belinummpresident@gmail.com; 843.344.4256).

■ **The Bible Year:** anyone who has participated in "The Bible Year" readings and has faithfully followed this Bible journey, please contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries (marym@belinumc.org; 843.357.3577).

■ The **Belin Gardeners** are looking for volunteers to help keep our church campus blooming with flowering possibilities in the gardens! They meet every Wednesday morning. If you have questions, please call Henrietta Huff (843.222.7721).

■ Interested in becoming part of a Small Growth Group or starting your own group? Contact Mary Mallick (marym@belinumc.org; 843.357.3577).

The Observance of the Lenten Candles "Diminishing Light" of Lent

Candles serve as one of the most prominent symbols to represent the presence of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. During Lent, candles have an important role as the Lenten season reminds us of Christ's journey to the cross that moves from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day.

Each week the light dims a little more as an additional candle is extinguished. This represents our drawing closer to Good Friday and the darkness at the time of Christ's crucifixion. When the last candle is extinguished, the darkness seems to be all-consuming. However, we remember every Sunday is The Lord's Day - "a little Easter." We are always moving forward toward The Light.

On Easter Day, the Christ Candle will be lit, as we celebrate The Resurrection and Christ's victory over sin and death. The observance of the candles serves as a visual reminder of the truth that: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

Dates to Remember

- **March 23**, MS 5 PM, HS 5:45 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- **March 26**, 7:45 AM: Man to Man (FLC)
- **March 26**, 12:45 PM: Lenten Luncheon (FLC)
- **March 26**, 5:30 PM: Dinner for Eight (FLC)
- **March 27**, 6 PM: Special Thursday Bible Year Zoom Discussion

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.



THE BIBLE YEAR

*A Journey Through Scripture
in 365 Days*

MAGREY R. DEVEGA

Daily Study Guide for The Bible Year:

Readings for week of March 24, 2025

Monday, March 24 - Revelation 1:1 to 2:29
 Tuesday, March 25 - Revelation 3:1 to 5:14
 Wednesday, March 26 - Revelation 6:1 to 8:5
 Thursday, March 27 - Revelation 8:6 to 11:19
 Friday, March 28 - Revelation 12:1 to 14:20
 Saturday, March 29 - Revelation 15:1 to 17:18
 Sunday, March 30 - Revelation 18:1 to 20:15

Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- Wednesday, March 26 - Dinner for Eight at 5:30 PM (register on "NOW" button at belinumc.org)
- Thursday, March 27 - ZOOM at 6 PM.

Weekly Finance

Weekly Need:
\$62,178

Received Last week:
\$41,282

Worship Attendance

Traditional Service:
820
 Harbor Service:
392

Belin Wednesday Lenten Service

March 26 at 12 Noon in the sanctuary Lenten Worship Services

Rev. Jeffrey Salley
 Charleston District Superintendent
 "The Tears of Jesus" Luke 19:41-44

IN MEMORIAM
 Mac Magann
 March 16, 2025

IN MEMORIAM
 Joyce Wicks
 March 16, 2025

IN MEMORIAM
 Wayne Fogle
 March 18, 2025



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