

# THE SANCTUARY

Fifth Sunday of Easter • April 28, 2024 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

## GATHERING

Sellers

## CENTERING “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place”

*The congregation is encouraged to join in singing with the choir.*

**“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God.**

**How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God.”**

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## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## \* GREETING

Dusenbury

Leader: Praise our God, all you his servants:

**People: those who fear him, both small and great.**

Leader: The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**People: Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.**

\* HYMN “Ye Servants of God” No. 181

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

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

## \* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:45 AM) Pg. 39

Annabelle Smith

Daughter of Meredith and Parker Smith

## COLLECT

Divine Creator, in your boundless love and grace, you have welcomed us into your presence, embracing us as your beloved children. Grant us hearts that are open and hands that are ready to serve. Guide us to practice hospitality not out of duty, but out of genuine love and compassion. Bless us with courage to step beyond our comfort zones, to bridge divides, and to build connections across differences. We offer this prayer, trusting in your guidance and grace, knowing that in welcoming others, we welcome you. Amen.

## CHORAL MEDITATION

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

“The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe; all things created by His hand, and held together at His command. He knows the mysteries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His; He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day. The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness; His word a lamp unto my feet, His spirit teaching and guiding me. And, O, the mystery of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ. O grant me wisdom from above to pray for peace and cling to love, and teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of your sovereignty. Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace; so through the trials I choose to say, ‘Your perfect will in Your perfect way.’”

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## PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN “Lord, Speak to Me” No. 463

## GOSPEL LESSON Leviticus 19:33-34

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Commanded to Love” Dusenbury

OFFERTORY “Fragment from An Etude” Chopin/arr. Smith

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* HYMN “Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 550

## \* BENECTION

## \* 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.

Words by George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, music by Sydney Hugo Nicholson  
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\* POSTLUDE “We Are God’s People” SYMPHONY

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\*Rise in body or spirit.

# THE HARBOR

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## WELCOME

Brown

## OPENING PRAYER

\* SONG “My Feet Are on The Rock”

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* SONG “My Lighthouse”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
“The Apostles’ Creed”

## CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “Same God”

SCRIPTURE Leviticus 16: 6-10,20-22

MESSAGE “Scapegoats and Spies: Part 1” Brown

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* SONG “Yes I Will”

## \* ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* BENECTION

- Sermon Notes -

## BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

Clergy: Will Malambri, Isaac Dusenbury, J.T. Brown Ministers: Belin Congregation

Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

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



# Announcements

■ There is still time to help out with the Blessing of the Inlet. We need your tasty **baked goodies** for the Bake Sale booth. Items can be dropped off in the Family Life Center this Friday, May 3, between 9 AM - 3 PM. Contact Laura Burdick, ([lauralburd@aol.com](mailto:lauralburd@aol.com), 843.655.9324) if you have any questions. This Friday at 10 AM, everyone is invited to help slice strawberries for the **strawberry shortcake** booth at the festival. Come to the small dining room (room 3) in the Family Life Center. Bring a paring knife, apron, and cutting board.

■ **The Blessing of the Inlet** is not only a lot of fun, it generates funds for many local missions, charities, and non-profit organizations focusing on the Murrells Inlet and South Strand communities. There are many ways to help with this event, and volunteers are needed. Contact Cherry Fisher-Bryan (843.299.2268, [cherrylee73@gmail.com](mailto:cherrylee73@gmail.com)). This Friday, May 3, from 9 AM-Noon and 6 PM-8PM, everyone is invited to help with tent, chair and table setup beside the sanctuary.

■ 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, May 6. The purposes of the Charge Conference shall be to 1) elect new officers to serve the church to replace those that have left or can no longer serve; and 2) set the salary for the newly appointed Associate Pastor. All are welcome to attend the Charge Conference and Church Council meeting; only members of the Charge Conference are eligible to vote.

■ Do you have a **graduate this year**? Email Brandy Streett at [brandys@belinumc.org](mailto:brandys@belinumc.org) so your graduate can be included on Graduate Sunday, June 2.

# Dates to Remember

- **April 28**, MS 5 PM, HS 6 PM: Youth Group (FLC)
- **April 28**, 5 PM: Children's STREAM Team (Education Bldg.)
- **April 29**, 10 AM: Bridge
- **April 29**, 1 PM: Art Angels (FLC)
- **April 30**, 7 AM: Youth Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)
- **April 30**, 6 PM: The Bible Year Zoom Discussion
- **May 1**, 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- **May 1**, 8:30 AM: Rollie Hanna Breakfast (FLC)
- **May 2**, 10 AM: Methodist Heritage Class (FLC)
- **May 4**, 9 AM: Blessing of the Inlet (Church Campus)

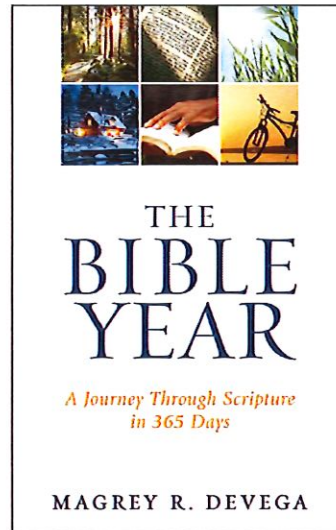
# In Worship Together

April 28, 2024

**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 April 29, 2024

- Monday, April 29 - Leviticus 8:1 to 10:20
- Tuesday, April 30 - Leviticus 11:1 to 14:57
- Wednesday, May 1 - Leviticus 15:1 to 18:30
- Thursday, May 2 - Leviticus 19:1 to 23:44
- Friday, May 3 - Leviticus 24:1 to 27:34
- Saturday, May 4 - Numbers 1:1 to 4:49
- Sunday, May 5 - Numbers 5:1 to 7:89

### Ways to grow together in The Bible Year:

- Tuesday, April 30 - Zoom at 6 PM
- Wednesday, May 1 - Dinner for Eight (preregister on "NOW" button at [belinumc.org](http://belinumc.org))



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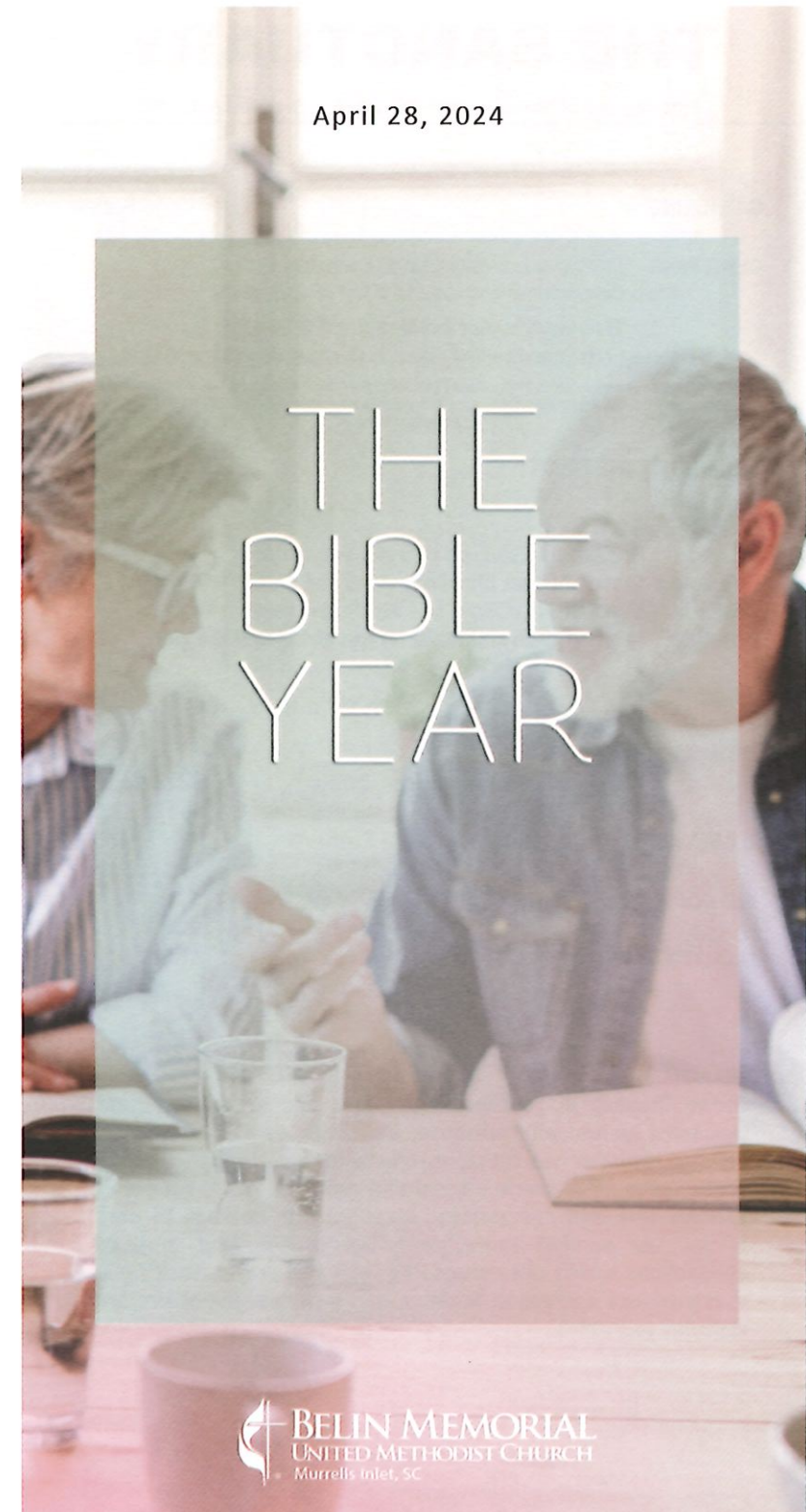
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