

# THE SANCTUARY

First Sunday in Lent • March 9, 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

Malambri

Leader: O God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

**People: Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in The Holy One who is our refuge and strength.

**People: We have come to worship the One who calls us.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” No. 127

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

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

## \* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CONFESSION

Holy God, we have been tested and tempted and, too often, have sinned. Change our hearts. Renew us with your Spirit of love and grace. Guide us to you, that we may refocus once more and rest anew in the treasure of your love. Amen.

## PARDON

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season, open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence so that you may continue your transforming work in each of us. Help us place our complete trust in you. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE “Give Me Jesus” arr. Waldrop  
Sanctuary Handbell Choir; Allen Lamb, tenor

## GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:1-13

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## LENTEN MEDITATION “The Love of Christ”

“How long, how wide, how deep, how high is the love of Christ, the love of Christ. ... Surpassing all knowledge, granting power with all the saints; filling us, filling us. And out of His riches, He establishes our peace; filling us with the fullness of God. ...”

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## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” No. 526

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 4:14-5:10

SERMON “Tested in Every Way” Malambri

OFFERTORY “More Love To Thee” Doane/arr. Hegarty

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

## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We bring our gifts, our heart, and our lives to you, O God. Bless these gifts, these hearts, these lives that we offer to you in your holy name. Send us forth as your holy people to bless others with hearts filled with your redeeming love. Amen.**

\* HYMN “My Jesus, I Love Thee” No. 172

## \* 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 Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done” SELENA

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*\* Rise in body or spirit.*

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

# THE HARBOR

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## WELCOME

Brown

## OPENING PRAYER

\* SONG “Lead On Good Shepherd”

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

\* SONG “Come What May”

## LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

This first Sunday in Lent, we enter a holy time. The Lenten candles have been lit. Over the next six weeks, the light will fade toward darkness as we journey toward the suffering and death of Jesus and God’s transformation of death into life, endings into beginnings, and impasses into paths for new possibilities. As we extinguish this first candle, we acknowledge the faithful sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf so that we may have the promise of transformation and eternal life. Let us pray together:

**Loving God, as we journey through this holy season, open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence so that you may continue your transforming work in each of us. Help us place our complete trust in you. Amen.**

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

## CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “At The Table”

GOSPEL LESSON Hebrews 5

MESSAGE “Whatever the Need” Brown

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* SONG “Good Good Father”

## \* ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

# Announcements

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to David Brennan, family and friends on the death of his mother, Virginia Avery Brennan (Silver Springs, MD.); to Steve Fulmer, family and friends on the death of his mother, Jeri Fulmer (TN)

■ You are invited to an **Adult Vacation Bible School with Ed Kilbourne**. This Bible School will be held at Surfside UMC beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 10, from 10 AM–12 NOON. Registration is not required. Contact Mary Mallick ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org), 843.357.5185) for more information.

■ The **Belin Gardeners** invite you to the dedication of the Henrietta Huff Camellia Walk and the Prayer Walk in the Belin Garden, located between the Family Life Center and Belin Cemetery. This special event, including the unveiling of the new American Camellia Society Camellia Trail sign, is slated for this Wednesday, March 12, at 1:30 PM following the Lenten Luncheon.

■ **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](mailto: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 9,** MS 5 PM, HS 5:45 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- **March 9,** 4 PM: Starting Point (FLC)
- **March 11,** 6 PM: The Bible Year Zoom Discussion
- **March 12,** 7:45 AM: Man to Man (FLC)
- **March 12,** 12:45 PM: Lenten Luncheon (FLC)
- **March 12,** 5:30 PM: Dinner for Eight (FLC)

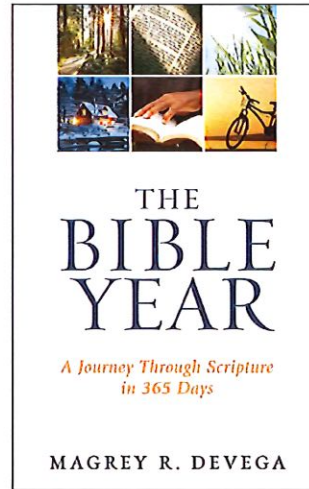
# In Worship Together

March 9, 2025

**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 March 10, 2025

Monday, March 10 - Hebrews 7:1 to 9:28  
Tuesday, March 11 - Hebrews 10:1 to 11:40  
Wednesday, March 12 - Hebrews 12:1 to 13:25  
Thursday, March 13 - James 1:1 to 2:26  
Friday, March 14 - James 3:1 to 5:20  
Saturday, March 15 - 1 Peter 1:1 to 2:25  
Sunday, March 16 - 1 Peter 3:1 to 5:14

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

- Tuesday, March 11 – ZOOM at 6 PM
- Wednesday, March 12 - Dinner for Eight at 5:30 PM (register on “NOW” button at [belinumc.org](http://belinumc.org))

#### Worship Attendance

Traditional Service:  
818  
Harbor Service:  
399

#### Weekly Finance Update

Weekly Need:  
\$62,178  
Received Last week:  
\$85,159

### ~~~ Belin Wednesday Lenten Service ~~~

**March 12:**

#### Lenten Worship Services

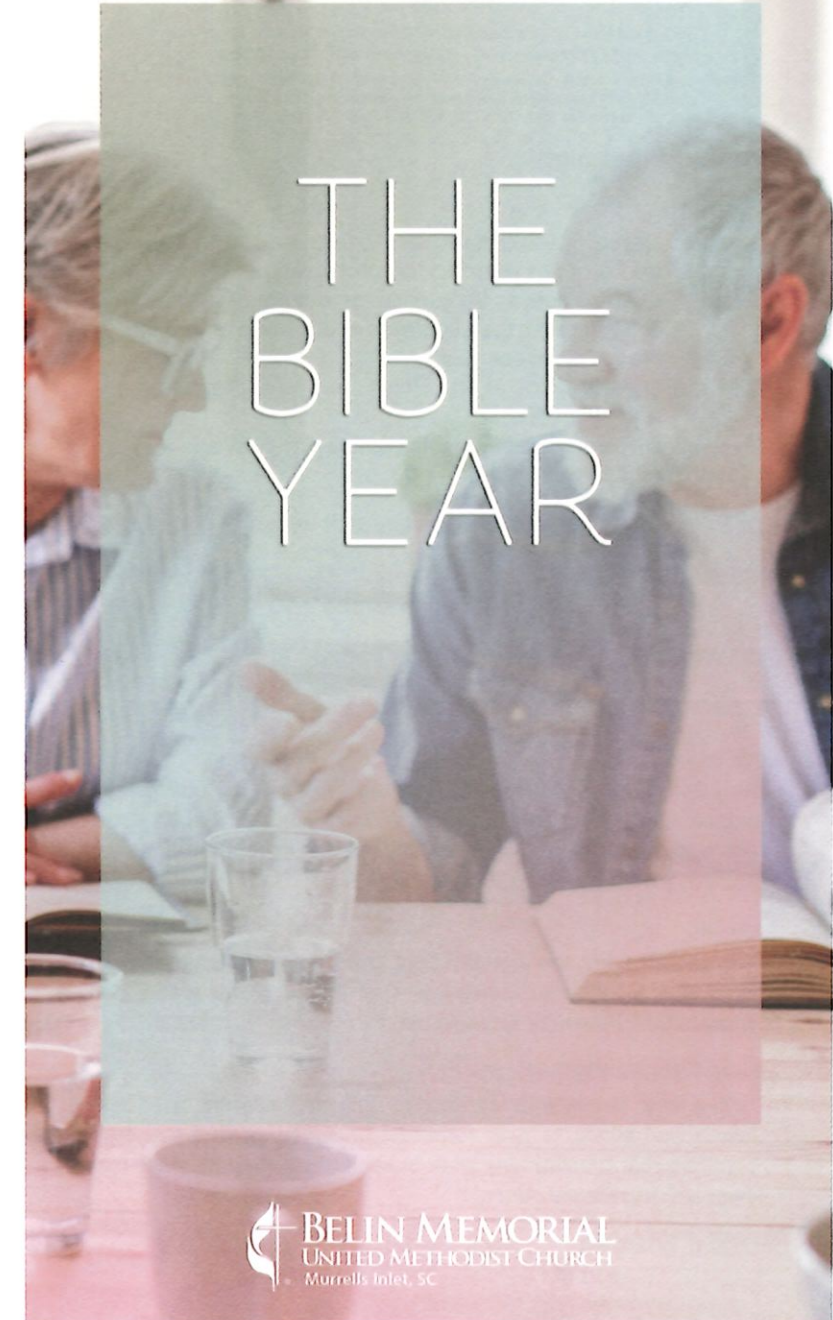
Rev. Gene Aiken - Trinity UMC, North Myrtle Beach  
“The Tears of Penitence and Gratitude”  
Luke 7:36-50  
(12 Noon in the sanctuary)



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