

THE SANCTUARY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday • January 11, 2026 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM
Please note: the 8:45 AM service is livestreamed.

GATHERING Sellers

CENTERING “How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place”
How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!
How lovely is Your dwelling place, is Your dwelling place, O God!
Words adapted from Psalm 84, music by Liam Lawton, arr. by Paul A. Tate
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* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

* **GREETING** Malambri
Leader: Give to the Lord glory and power!
People: Give to the Lord the glory due his name!
Leader: Bow down to the Lord whose voice is over the waters.
People: Bow down to the Lord whose glory thunders.
Leader: Bless the Lord whose Son is the Beloved!
People: Bless the Lord whose covenant is good.

* **HYMN** “Jesus Shall Reign” No. 157

* **WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE** Forrest

COLLECT
Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Songs from the River”

“As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way, and who shall wear the robe and crown; good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sisters, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. The river is wide. The river is deep. As I went down in the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way, and who shall wear the robe and crown; good Lord, show me the way! Oh, sinners, let's go down. Let's go down. Come on down. Oh, sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray, down in the river to pray. Deep river, I'm crossing over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river in my soul. Yes, I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river. I've got peace like a river in my soul. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch, a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found. I once was blind, but now I see. Amazing grace (down in the river to pray), amazing grace (down in the river to pray), amazing grace. Deep river.”

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* **DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 94

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**
Lord Jesus, though we need to come to you, you come to us. While we fail to fulfill all righteousness, you never do. In you we have the perfect example and through you have been made children of God. With grateful hearts for all you give us, we return to you a sign of our love and faith. Amen.

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 3:13-17
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “God's Beloved” Malambri

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

* **HYMN** “Spirit Song” No. 347

* **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.
Words by George William Kitchin and Michael Robert Newbolt, music by Sydney Hugo Nicholson, tune CRUCIFER
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* **POSTLUDE** “I've Got Joy Like a Fountain” American melody

**Rise in body or spirit.*

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A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Sandra Stevens Poirer
Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

Pastoral Cabinet: Mark Ale, Mike Alexander, Bill Barber,
Becky Forrest, Sam Hale, George Howle,
Jonathan Nettles, Wayne Sayre, Connie Stinson

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME Stevens Poirer

OPENING PRAYER

* **SONG** “Holy Water”

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

* **SONG** “All Things New”

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “Run Through My Heart”

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:13-17

MESSAGE “Why?” Stevens Poirer

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

* **SONG** “Living Waters”

* **BENEDICTION**

- Sermon Notes -

Announcements

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Jeff Clarke, family and friends, following the death of his father, the Reverend Dr. Keith Clarke (Murrells Inlet, SC); to Stan and Corinne Godshall parents of, Cole Parks, brother of, and family and friends, following the death of Josie Godshall Spender (Boonton, NJ).

■ **Rollie Hanna Breakfast Group** will gather this Wednesday, January 14 at 8:30 AM in the Family Life Center (FLC) to look at the year ahead. Enjoy the “Best \$3 Breakfast in Town” and bring a friend for a wonderful meal and great fellowship.

■ **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** begins this Wednesday, January 14 at 9:45 AM in the FLC. Through this study, explore how guiding and renewing our minds shape our thoughts, influences our daily choices, and deepens our understanding of how we live out our faith. Through scripture, thoughtful discussion, and practical reflection, consider how God’s Word helps us walk more faithfully in everyday life—at home, at work, and in our relationships.

■ **Women’s Winter Selah** will gather this Thursday, January 15 at 6 PM in the FLC. Bring your favorite pot of soup or salad to share. Leftover soup will be packaged in take-out cups and frozen to be shared for Belin’s Year of Kindness as a tangible act of care. Guest speaker Denise Brown, from South Atlantic Back, will offer practical insights into making sound and confident decisions in finance. No registration is required.

■ Celebrate **Heritage Day Sunday** in The Sanctuary next Sunday, January 18. The Resident Bishop of the South Carolina Annual Conference, Leonard Fairley, and his spouse, Dawn, will join us in worship. Bishop Fairley will bring the message during both services.

■ Dates are available for **flowers** to be placed in the worship spaces for 2026. Contact Mandy Carriker (843.357.5195; mandyc@belinumc.org) for available dates.

Dates to Remember

- January 11 10 AM: Starting Point—Room 11 (FLC)
- January 11 MS/HS 5 PM– 7 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- January 13 7 AM: Youth Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)
- January 14 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- January 14 8:30 AM: Rollie Hanna Breakfast (FLC)
- January 14 9:45 AM: Morning Bible Study (FLC)
- January 15 6 PM: Women’s Winter Selah Gathering (FLC)
- January 17 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.

You’re invited to **GIVE**
 your weekly offerings
 by scanning this QR Code.



Worship Attendance 1.4.26

The Sanctuary: 941
The Harbor: 450

Giving Week of 1.4.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 28,580
Online Giving	\$ 15,080
Cash	\$ 1,656
Total	\$ 45,317

Due to limited space, the Contribution Tracking will be included in next week’s bulletin.

IN MEMORIAM
 Josephine “Josie”
 Godshall Spender
 December 30, 2025

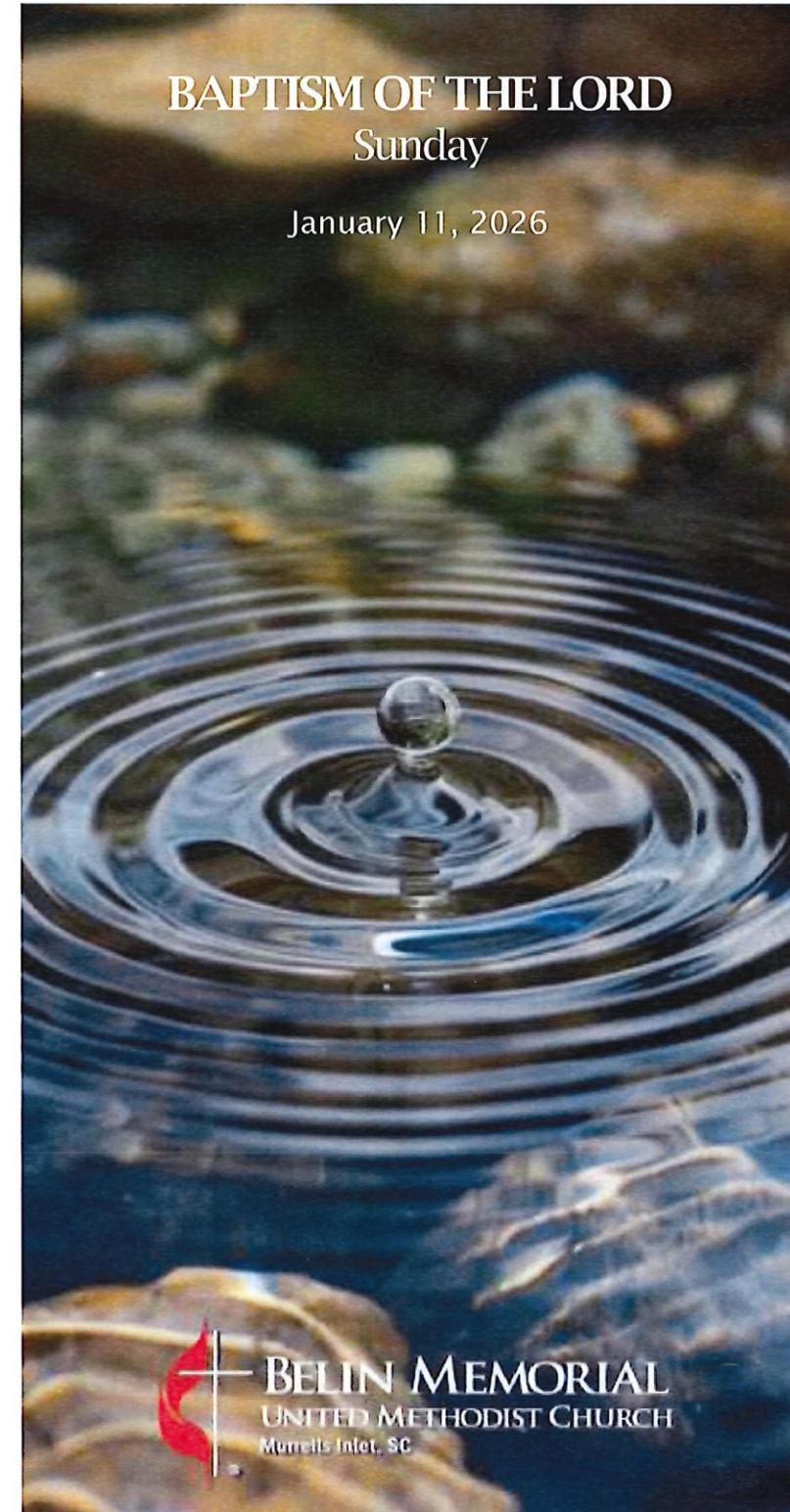
IN MEMORIAM
 Reverend Dr. Keith
 Clarke
 January 2, 2026



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