

THE SANCTUARY

Second Sunday in Lent • March 1, 2026 • 8:45 AM & 11 AM

Please note: the 8:45 AM service will be 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!**

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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

Stevens Poirrel

Leader: God calls us to go, to set out in faith.

People: **The love of God leads us home.**

Leader: Christ blesses us that we might bless others.

People: **The blessings of Christ heal our world.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit strengthens us for the journey.

People: **The power of the Holy Spirit sustains and supports us.**

Leader: Love calls us forth into paths of faith. The One who made heaven and earth meets us here.

All: **Let us worship God!**

Worship Annual, adapted

* **HYMN** “How Firm a Foundation” No. 529

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

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

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. As we journey through this Lenten season, give us the courage of Abraham to step out in faith, and trust in your Son, who was sent not to condemn, but to save. Amen.

SONG OF THE CROSS “Near the Cross”

“Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv’ry’s mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the Bright and Morning Star sheds its beams around me. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadows o’er me. Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.”

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, music by William H. Doane, tune NEAR THE CROSS, arr. with new music by Jay Rouse
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PASTORAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a

GOSPEL LESSON John 3:16-17

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Go!” Stevens Poirrel

OFFERTORY “For God So Loved the World” Martin

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we offer to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call on our lives, your guidance in the journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. May these gifts embrace your love and compassion for a world in need of your healing and grace. May what we bring be multiplied for your good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Feasting on the Word, adapted

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Let Us Break Bread Together” No. 618
(Stanza 3)

* 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** “God Loved the World So That He Gave” Elvey

** Rise in body or spirit.*

IN MEMORIAM

Richard “Rich”

DeRuiter

February 22, 2026

THE HARBOR

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WELCOME Hale

OPENING PRAYER

* **SONG** “God So Loved”

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* **SONG** “Sparrows”

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* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG “Holy Spirit”

GOSPEL LESSON Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

MESSAGE “What About Abraham, What About You?” Hale

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

* **SONG** “Call Upon Him”

* BENEDICTION

- Sermon Notes -

BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Church

Clergy: Will Malambri, Sandra Stevens Poirrel

Ministers: Belin Congregation Minister Emeritus: Harold Lewis

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

Announcements

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Judy Massicot, family and friends, following the death of her son, Philip A. Fiorino (Murrells Inlet, SC); and, to Linda DeRuiter, family and friends on the death of her husband, Rich DeRuiter (Pawleys Island, SC).

■ **Belin Children's Ministry Summer Camps** – Registration opens tomorrow for all summer camps: Vacation Bible School, Cooking with Ms. Kim, Basketball, Kids Theater, and Art will be available. Reserve your spot, as space is limited for each camp. For more information please contact Kim Oakley (kimo@belinumc.org; 843.357.5197).

■ **Starting Point** gathers next Sunday, March 8 at 10 AM in the Family Life Center (FLC), Room 11. This is a small group that meets in a casual atmosphere to learn more about the church, and to meet some of the leadership, staff, and pastors. For those interested, information about membership will also be available.

■ **Belin Memorial Ministry Fair** is Sunday, March 8 from 2 PM until 3:30 PM in the FLC. Discover the many ways to get involved in the life of the church. Areas of service will be represented highlighting opportunities for potential, new, and current members to learn more about what is happening at Belin Memorial to connect and settle in. Contact Mary Mallick for more information (marym@belinumc.org; 843.357.5185).

~~~ Belin Wednesday Lenten Service Schedule ~~~

March 4:

Lenten Wednesday Services

Reverend Tony Adams - "God Knows Your Heart" Samuel 16:7
(12 NOON in the sanctuary with lunch available after the service)

- March 11** Rev. Emily Kirby - First UMC, Conway
- March 18** Rev. Gene Aiken - Trinity UMC, North Myrtle Beach
- March 25** Rev. Jonathan Nettles - Belin Memorial UMC Pastoral Cabinet

Dates to Remember

- March 1 MS/HS 5 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- March 2 6 PM: Church Council Meeting (FLC)
- March 3 7 AM: Belin Youth Prayer Breakfast (Chick-fil-A)
- March 3 6 PM: Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)
- March 4 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- March 4 12 Noon: Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- March 5 10 AM: Morning Lenten Bible Study (FLC)
- March 5 12 Noon - 4 PM: Open Play Pickleball (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.



Belin Memorial UMC Give Now

Worship Attendance 2.22.26

The Sanctuary: 854

The Harbor: 413

Giving Week of 2.22.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 13,120
Cash	\$ 866
Online Giving	\$ 11,965
Total	\$ 25,951

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

Candles serve as one of the most prominent and powerful symbols to represent the presence of God and the working of the Holy Spirit. During Lent, the Christian Church prepares to observe the Lord's passion and resurrection.

Each week as a candle is extinguished and the smoke rises, the light gradually diminishes, drawing us closer to the events that led to Christ's crucifixion when "darkness came over the whole land." (Matthew 27:45, NRSV) While the darkness seems all-consuming at the extinguishing of the last candle, that is not the end of the story. The Observance of the Lenten Candles serves as a sensory reminder of the truth, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Every Sunday is The Lord's Day – "a little Easter;" and we are always moving toward "The Light."

Welcome to the Lenten Season as we journey together to Easter Day when we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death.



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