

# THE SANCTUARY

Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 15, 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!**

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: The Lord is our shepherd;

**People: we shall not want.**

Leader: He makes us lie down in green pastures;

**People: he leads us beside still waters;**

Leader: he restores our soul. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life,

**People: and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

\* **HYMN** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” No. 136

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

**HOLY BAPTISM** (8:45 AM) Pg. 39

Hadley Haynie Yelliz  
(Daughter of R. J. and Janie Yelliz)

(11 AM)  
Kenneth Watford White  
(Son of Luke and Cassie White)

**LITANY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

**Lord Jesus, we come to you seeking restoration of our sight. You opened the eyes of a man born blind, yet we often turn away from your truth, preferring the shadows of our own comfort. Open our eyes to see your presence so that we may bear witness to your light, The True Light, in an otherwise shadowy world. Amen.**

**SONG OF THE CROSS**

“All Because of the Wonderful the Cross”

“When I survey the wondrous cross where the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. On Calvary, He died on a tree. For me, He paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? On Calvary, He died on a tree. For me, He paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross, the wonderful cross!”

Words by Isaac Watts and Mary McDonald, music by Mary McDonald and hymn tune RESIGNATION,  
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**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

\* **HYMN** “He Touched Me” No. 367

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 9:1-41  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** “The Blind See” Malambri

**OFFERTORY** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” arr. Sikes

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

\* **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 Savior. Amen.**

\* **HYMN** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” No. 375

\* **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** “Come and Bring Light” Keil

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*\* Rise in body or spirit.*

IN MEMORIAM  
Edward “Ed” Sepp

March 10, 2026

# THE HARBOR

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**WELCOME** Stevens Poirer

**OPENING PRAYER**

\* **SONG** “This is Amazing Grace”

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

\* **SONG** “The Prayer of St. Patrick”

**LITURGY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT**

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

**CELEBRATION OF GIFTS**

**SONG** “Be Thou My Vision (Lord You Are)”

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 9:1-7

**MESSAGE** “Mud and Miracles” Stevens Poirer

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

\* **SONG** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

\* **BENEDICTION**

- Sermon Notes -

**BELIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*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, Connie Stinson

# Announcements

■ **Deepest sympathy** is extended to Shirley Sepp, family and friends, following the death of her husband, Ed Sepp (Murrells Inlet, SC).

■ **Belin Children's Ministry Summer Camps** – Registration is now open 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 contact Kim Oakley ([kimo@belinumc.org](mailto:kimo@belinumc.org); 843.357.5197).

■ Belin Memorial's "**Year of Kindness for March**" is a Fruit and Vegetable Drive through this Thursday, March 19. Contributions will serve 40 homebound veterans in the community with fresh fruit and vegetables. For more information contact Mary Mallick, Director of Adult Ministries ([marym@belinumc.org](mailto:marym@belinumc.org); 843.357.5185).

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### Worship Attendance 3.8.26

**The Sanctuary:** 860

**The Harbor:** 336

### Giving Week of 3.8.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$ 22,832
Cash	\$ 1,539
Online Giving	\$ 20,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 44,381</b>

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

**March 18:**

### Lenten Wednesday Service

Reverend Gene Aiken - "The Heart Can Defile"

Matthew 15:18

(12 NOON in the sanctuary with lunch available after the service)

**March 25** Rev. Jonathan Nettles - Belin Memorial UMC Pastoral Cabinet

# Dates to Remember

- March 15 MS/HS 5 PM: Belin Youth Group (FLC)
- March 17 6 PM: Lenten Bible Study (Zoom)
- March 18 12 Noon: Lenten Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- March 19 10 AM: Morning Lenten Bible Study (FLC)
- March 19 6 PM: Women's Selah (FLC)
- March 21 10 AM: Belin Gardeners Camellia Workshop
- March 21 7 PM: CCU Chanticleer Singers Concert (Sanctuary)

# 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 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.

### Contribution Tracking

Budgeted Contributions at February 28th	\$404,277
Actual Giving Through February 28th	\$338,630
Ahead (Behind) Pace at February 28th	-\$65,647

### Statement of Support And Other Revenues, Expenses, And Changes In Net Assets Two Months Ended February 28th

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and other revenues	\$338,630	\$57,335	\$395,965
Program service revenues	\$222,705		\$222,705
Interest and dividend income	\$18,210		\$18,210
Other income	\$14,416		\$14,416
<b>Total support and other revenues</b>	<b>\$593,961</b>	<b>\$57,335</b>	<b>\$651,296</b>
Total expenses and releases	\$623,629	\$54,721	\$678,350
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>-\$29,668</b>	<b>\$2,614</b>	<b>-\$27,054</b>



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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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