

Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



August 30, 2026



BELIN MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Murrells Inlet, SC

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 30, 2026 • 11 AM

Please note: the 11 AM service is livestreamed.

GATHERING

Sellers

CENTERING

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory on each face.

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Words and music by Lanny Wolfe, tune WOLFE

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* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* GREETING

Stevens Poirer

Leader: Christ calls us away from our own interests
and desires to take up our cross and follow him.

People: **Though the way may surprise us, we know it is the path
to true life.**

Leader: Come, let us deny ourselves, lose our lives
for his sake, and find them again in his grace.

People: **With open hearts and ready hands, let us worship
and praise God.**

* HYMN

“Take Up Thy Cross”

GERMANY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Malambri

“The Apostles’ Creed”

* GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

* WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

COLLECT

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering
for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the
path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

CHORAL CELEBRATION

“Down By the Riverside *with* Standing in the Need of Prayer”

“Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I ain’t gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I ain’t gonna study war no more, ain’t gonna study war no more, ain’t gonna study war no more, no more. Ain’t gonna study war no more, ain’t gonna study war no more down by the riverside, the riverside. It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me, it’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my mother, not my father, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the river, down by the river, down by the river. It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer! It’s me, it’s me, O Lord!”

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PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

* **HYMN** “Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone” MAITLAND

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 16:21-28
Leader: The word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Road Trip” Stevens Poirer

OFFERTORY “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” arr. Carter

* **DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** Malambri
Holy God of holy ground, you have done marvelous things, wondrous works for us and for all your people. May we make your deeds known, your miracles told, and your glory sung in our prayers and praise. We offer these gifts with grateful hearts and pray that you would take them and blend them into a composite of commitment. May your blessings flow through our lives and into the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* **HYMN** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” ASSAM

* **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** “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE

**** Rise in body or spirit.***

MODERN WORSHIP

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WELCOME

Stevens Poirer

OPENING PRAYER

* **SONG** "Lead On Good Shepherd"

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** Malambri

* **SONG** "Build My Life"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
"The Apostles' Creed"

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS

SONG "Sometimes By Step"

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 16:21-28 Stevens Poirer

MESSAGE "Road Trip"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

* **SONG** "Lead Me To The Cross"

* **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

In Memoriam: Our heartfelt condolences to Michael Koogler and his family on the passing of his father, Thomas Koogler of Staunton, Virginia.

And to Charlie Rogers and his family on the passing of his mother, **Linda G. Rogers** of Little River, South Carolina.

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Jan and John Hanick.

Youth Prayer Breakfasts Have Begun

Join us for a special Youth Prayer Breakfast at the Sea Wall Cross next Tuesday! We'll gather for a meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we begin the school day together.

Yoga at Belin Memorial: Beginning September 8, join us Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 AM in FLC Room 7 for traditional yoga with Danielle Thompson. All levels are welcome, including beginners. Take a little time for yourself with movement, mindfulness, and community.

Women's Selah: September 10, October 15, & more! | 6 PM

Take time to pause, connect, and be encouraged. Women's Selah offers a welcoming place for laughter, meaningful conversation, spiritual growth, and lasting friendships.

Fall Harvest Festival & BBQ: Saturday, October 10

One of Belin Memorial's favorite traditions is just around the corner! Save the date for delicious barbecue, fellowship, family fun, and community.

We all love our Seawall Cross! Pick up a set of notecards featuring six different photos of the cross for \$15 at the Family Life Center. **Half of the proceeds support Belin Missions and Outreach.**

Dates to Remember

- **August 31** 10 AM: Bridge (FLC)
- **August 31** 10 AM: Dancercise (FLC)
- **Sept 1** 9 AM: Basket Weaving Class (FLC)
- **Sept 1** 10 AM: Mahjong + Beginners Class (FLC)
- **Sept 2** 7:45 AM: Man 2 Man (FLC)
- **Sept 2** 9 AM: Belin Gardeners (FLC)
- **Sept 2** 11:30 AM: Adult Fellowship Lunch (FLC)
- **Sept 3** 9 AM: Brewing at Belin (FLC)
- **Sept 3** 9 AM: Happy Feet (FLC Gym)
- **Sept 3** 11:15 AM: Beginners Pickleball Play (FLC)
- **Sept 3** 12:30 PM: Open Pickleball Play (FLC)

In Worship Together

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



Belin Memorial UMC Give Now

Worship Attendance 8.23.26

The Sanctuary: 564

The Harbor: 412

Giving Week of 8.23.26

Envelopes/Checks	\$16,628.00
Cash	\$1,395.00
Online Giving	<u>\$12,520.88</u>
Total	\$30,543.88

Help Shape Belin Memorial's Future

The Strategic Planning Team invites you to take *just 5 minutes* to complete our Congregational Survey. Your feedback will help guide the future of Belin Memorial's ministries, programs, and outreach.



Scan QR code to participate. Thank you for sharing your voice!

Thank you for your patience as the trustees work to refurbish the sanctuary. During this time, all Sunday services are being held in the Family Life Center:

8:45 AM - Modern Service | 11 AM - Traditional Service
Both services are livestreamed.



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