

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Today we welcome **Chaplain Lisa Eck** back to the pulpit. Lisa serves as a Chaplain at MUSC Charleston where she offers compassionate spiritual and emotional support to patients, families and staff. Spending her entire career in healthcare, Lisa is passionate about walking alongside people in seasons of grief, transition, and illness through her pastoral presence. She holds master's degrees from Seton Hall University and Fuller Theological Seminary. Lisa was raised in the PCUSA church and is ordained in the non-denominational tradition. She moved to South Carolina three years ago, and her daughter and parents followed. She is the daughter of new members Bob and Phyllis Dyke.

**Sara Kaczmarksi**—Spiritual Growth Assistant

**William Bennett**—Director of Music

**Jim Moore**—Organist

Chancel Choir

Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Dave Rademaker**

Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Doug Hess**

Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Claude & Ellen Burns**

**11:00 am—Lionel Lawson, Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson & Mary Summers**

**Flowers**—The flowers are given to the glory of God by Suzie Ryan in honor of our mothers.

In honor of Mother's Day we are blessing each mother with a flower as you enter the sanctuary today at each service.

The pink rosebud on the altar is placed in honor of the birth of Sadie Blake Dillane. Born May 6. Parents are Matt and Shayna Dillane.



**Offerings** can also be made through the Giving tab at [summervillepres.org](http://summervillepres.org), scanning the QR code to the left through the Abundant Giving app from Google Play or the Apple Store. Set up your account and choose Summerville Presbyterian Church.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Today, Presbyterian churches throughout the State of South Carolina will receive the annual Mother's Day Offering in support of the charitable care ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina (PCSC). Since the first Mother's Day Offering in 1954, your generosity has enabled PCSC to provide care for residents who, after years of living in a Presbyterian community and through no fault of their own, have outlived their life's savings and need support to continue meeting their monthly obligations. This commitment, made more than 70 years ago, required tremendous faith, courage, and vision. Over the last decade, your generosity has allowed PCSC to provide an average of more than \$1 million in charitable care each year. Your gift, whether large or small, is vital for the success of this ministry. By honoring our fathers and mothers in this way, you help ensure that those with need can continue to call Presbyterian Communities "home." Thank you for your generosity. Gifts may be made by placed in the offering trays today by using the envelopes in the vestibules and welcome centers or online at [giving.prescommunities.org](http://giving.prescommunities.org). Thank you for your prayers, your trust, and your support.

Also, join us today in Lanneau Hall for Muffins for Moms sponsored by the PW Circles. May thanks to the PW ladies!

## WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**Children and Nursery**—Nursery is available in Room 203. We offer two nurseries, one for ages 0-2 years and the other for ages 3-4 year-olds. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at [summervillepresnursery@gmail.com](mailto:summervillepresnursery@gmail.com)

## STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert**—Senior Pastor

**Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert**—Discipleship Pastor

**Sara Kaczmarksi**—Spiritual Growth Assistant

**William Bennett**—Director of Music

**Jim Moore**—Organist

**Joe Swisher and Julia Miller**—Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship

**Cecelia Bond**—Finance Manager

**Julie McCormick**—Administrative Office & Communications

Coordinator

**Sheila Wilson & Lauren Sanders**—Co-Directors of Mother's Morning Out

**Kelly Murphy**—Nursery Coordinator

**Shirley Gay**—Sexton

**Bob Hirsch**—Sexton

## SESSION

**Fellowship:** Zachary Storti (Chair), Vicky Methot

**Nurture:** Charlie Harris (Chair), Sharlene Douthit Schneidmuller

**Service:** Kelli Kemmerer (Chair), Sherry Roberts

**Spiritual Growth:** Hunter Harris (Chair), Amy Price

**Property:** Jade Hill (Chair), Doug Hess

**Finance:** Jeff Bowers (Chair), Robert Pratt

**Personnel:** Jeff Bowers (Chair)

**Worship:** Mike Homola (Chair), Kathryn Tupper

**Youth Elder:** Lily Bennett

**Clerk of Session:** Oden Semones

## DEACONS

**Class of 2026** - Sue Avenel, Perry Harris, Barbara Norris, Marylou Semones, Marilynn Shaughnessy

**Class of 2027** - Rachel Altman, Vera Devito, Jim Ferro, Skip Fetters, Rose Warrell

**Class of 2028** - Barbara Grube, Carol Hetu, Matthew Keller, Carol Wilkins, Tony Young

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# SUMMERVILLE Presbyterian Church

*Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith*



*"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!"*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Sunday, May 10, 2026

## GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.  
“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

**Prelude:** “Where’er You Walk” George Friederich Handel  
Mike Homola, Soloist and Jim Moore, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements** Sara Kaczmarkski

**\*Call to Worship:**  
We gather together to worship  
our loving, nurturing God,  
who, like a mother,  
**knows us intimately,**  
loves us unconditionally,  
**teaches us the way we should go,**  
and comforts us in times of need.  
**Praise God,**  
**the Source and Sustainer of life!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** #7 - “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” NORWICH

**\*Confession and Pardon**  
We are called to a new life, but we keep slipping back into old ways. God invites us to come to him for the power to live the life to which he calls us.  
Let us pray:

**Loving God,**  
**We so want, we so need,**  
**to turn the page on the past:**  
**old habits, old ways of thinking, old hurts.**  
**These things keep us trapped, unable to focus,**  
**unwilling to embrace the transformed life You have given us.**  
**Forgive us.**  
**Free us.**  
**Transform us again and again,**  
**so that we may live a life of purpose and gratitude.**  
**In Jesus’ name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

**Song of Assurance:** “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Hear the good news:  
Those who are in Christ are a new creation;  
the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.  
All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*Song of Praise:** “Glory Be to the Father” GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
*World without end. Amen.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed**  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**  
**Maker of heaven and earth,**  
**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**  
**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,**  
**born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, dead, and buried;**  
**he descended into hell;**  
**the third day he rose again from the dead;**  
**he ascended into heaven,**  
**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**  
**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**  
**the holy catholic Church;**  
**the communion of saints;**  
**the forgiveness of sins;**  
**the resurrection of the body;**  
**and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace**  
*Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Church Family Moment** Sara Kaczmarkski

**Prayer of Illumination:**  
Eternal God,  
Your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible  
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day.  
Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Genesis 50:20  
*20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** 8:45 am—Oden Semones  
11:00 am—Doug Hess

**Musical Offering:** “A Mother’s Prayer” Tom Fettke  
8:45 am—William Bennett, Soloist 11:00 am—Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
*Praise Him all creatures here below,*  
*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Chaplain Lisa Eck

**\*Reflection Hymn:** #53 - “O God, Who Gives Us Life” NOEL

**Second Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Chaplain Lisa Eck  
*16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

**Sermon:** “Transformed for a Purpose” Chaplain Lisa Eck

## SENDING

**\*Closing Hymn:** #838 - “Standing on the Promises” PROMISES

**\*Benediction** Chaplain Lisa Eck

**\*Benediction Response:** 11:00 am—“Go Now in Peace” Don Besig

**Postlude:** “Rigaudon” Lulli  
Jim Moore, Organist