***Call to Worship**

Come, let us tell of the Lord's unfailing love.
**Let us praise God for all that He has done:**
His great goodness to His people,
**His many acts of faithful love.**
He forgives our sins, and heals the sickness inside us;
**He surrounds us with love and mercy and fills our lives with good things!**
**Let's worship God together!**

***Opening Hymn:** #268 – "Crown Him With Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

***Confession and Pardon:**

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows.
When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also.
When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God,
the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open wide.
Let us confess our sins together:

**How easily we leave Your side, Lord God, for a place far away.**
**We are blind in our darkness, so open our eyes to our sins.**
**Unless You strengthen our spirits and create our hearts anew,**
**we cannot make the journey home.**
**Guide us to Your welcoming arms; to the music and the dancing,**
**for we are easily lost, and only You, our Father, can find us.**

(Time for silent confession)

**Song of Confession:** "Lord Have Mercy" KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

We no longer need to live as slaves to our sinful natures.
Sin has no claim on us anymore,
because through the power of the Holy Spirit,
we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking.
We have been given new life as God's own children.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Song of Assurance:** "Amazing Grace" (vs. 1) AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,*
*that saved a wretch like me!*
*I once was lost, but now am found,*
*was blind, but now I see.*

***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**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Church Family Moment:** Sara Kaczmarski

**8:45 am –** Baptism of Sadie Blake Dillane

*Jesus Loves Me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;*
*Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.*
*Yes, Jesus loves me Yes, Jesus loves me!*
*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**Prayer of Illumination:**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what You say to us today. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:15-17

*15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but*
*you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it*
*is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are*
*children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint*
*heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be*
*glorified with Him.*

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

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

**Musical Offering:** "Song of Thanksgiving and Praise" *Tom Fettke*
**8:45 am -** William Bennett, Solo
**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** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #263 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 15:11-32 Reader's Theater

**Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
"A Parable from Three Perspectives: The Loving Father"

## SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #108 - "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response: 11:00 am -** "Go Now In Peace" *Don Besig*
Chancel Choir

***Postlude:** "Come Ye Thankful People Come" *George J. Elvey*
Jim Moore, Organist

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert**
**Sara Kaczmarski,** Spiritual Growth Assistant
**William Bennett,** Director of Music
**Jim Moore**, Organist
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kristi Selander 11:00 am—Dave Rademaker**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Kelli Kemmerer 11:00 am—Hunter Harris**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Charlie & Sue Harris**
**11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Skip & Rosanne Fetters**

## 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 103. 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 Hannah Meyer at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

**Flowers**—The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Modena DeBrosse and family in memory of Ron DeBrosse (husband, father, and grandfather), C. Michael and Florence Ehrhardt (Modena's parents), Michael Ehrhardt (Modena's brother), and Frank and Elizabeth DeBrosse (Ron's parents).

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

**Staff, Elders and Deacons**—A listing of staff and SPC ministry leaders can be found in the vestibules and welcome centers.

## SUNDAYS

**8:30 am-12:15 pm—Nursery (Room 103)**
**8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)**
**9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau Hall)**
**10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)**
**10:00 am—Sunday School**
Pre-Readers – Room 102
Readers – Room 104
Tweens – Room 303
High School – Room 301
Under the Hill (The Chosen) – Room 107
Genesis (The Wired Word) – Room 101
Seekers (Sermon on the Mount) – Room 201
**11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)**
**11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Grace Table Thanksgiving Meal served today in the gym at 12:30 pm**! Besides our community members, we offer any of our congregation a spot at the table if you are in need and interested.

**Stewardship 2027:** Pledges continue to be collected, and pledge cards are available in the church office, vestibules, pew racks and welcome centers.

**Called Meeting of the Congregation:** Sunday, December 6, noon for the purpose of electing the next class of elders and deacons.
The nominees include:
For elder: Charlotte Miller (2 yr term), Suzie Ryan, Andy Shaver, Ellen Burns, Zachary Storti, Oden Semones.
For deacon: Katie Ryan, Claude Burns, Debbie Priest, Ramona Jasso, Penny Perkins.

**Advent Devotionals** are available in the vestibules, welcome centers and church office. They will also be available through the website and will be posted daily on SPC's Facebook page. This year, members of SPC have contributed devotions for this daily reading. Advent begins next Sunday, November 29!

**Revelation Guide** - Pastor Ralph has provided some notes to help us understand this complicated book as we close out this year's New Testament Challenge. Pick one up in the vestibules, welcome centers or church office.

**Advent Bible Study: "Three Wise Women"** by Dandi Daley Mackall, facilitated by Suzie Ryan Thursdays at 10:30 am through Jan. 7 in the Dorchester Room.

**Christmas Memorials and Honorariums:** You may pick up a Christmas Memorials and Honorariums donation sheet in the vestibules and welcome centers. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or gym during the Christmas season.

**Christmas Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange Event:** Come join us on Sunday, December 6th in the SPC Gym at 4:00 pm. We will enjoy some beautiful holiday music and share some Christmas treats.

**Salt Shakers Holiday Covered Dish Dinner** will be held on Monday, December 7 at 5pm in Lanneau Hall. Please bring a dish to share and an ornament new or old. We will play a fun ornament exchange game. Contact Merrilyn Long for more info.

**Hearts for Summerville Christmas Event: Volunteers are needed on December 12!** We would love to have you volunteer with us, or just pop in and see the smiling faces of the children that you have so generously supported over the years. Can't volunteer, but want to help?? We need sugar cookies, cocoa toppings, icing, and gifts and stocking stuffers for all age children. While hot ticket items always include things like bicycles, dollhouses, kitchen sets, and challenging LEGO kits, our kids are also thrilled with baby dolls, toy trucks, squishies, hygiene products and more! You do not need to spend a fortune to make a child's day.

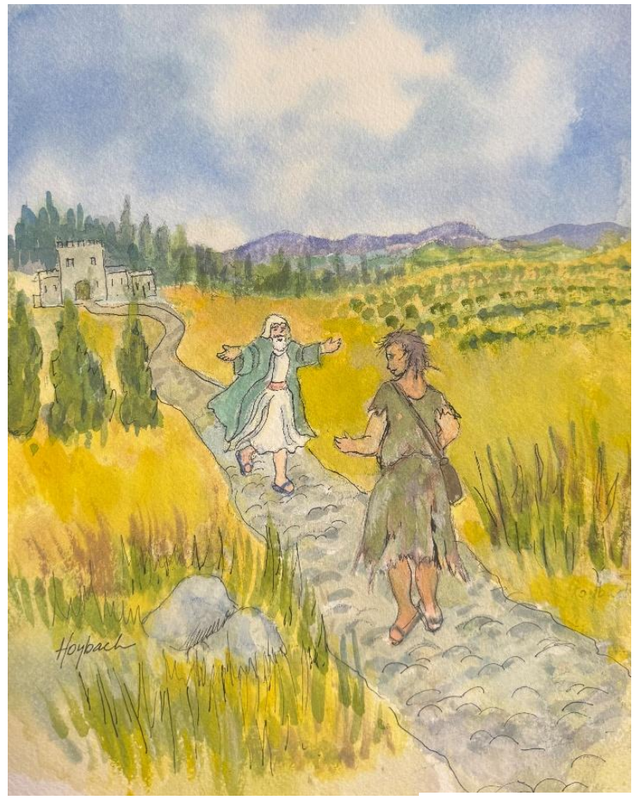
**New Testament Challenge:**
We are on Week 48: Nov 21-Nov 27
2 John 1 – Revelation 2

**Holiday hours:** The church office will be closed Thursday, 11/26 and Friday, 11/27 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Back on 11/30.

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

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
## Sunday, November 22, 2026




*Artwork by Maggie Hoybach*

## GATHERING

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

**means to stand if you are able,*
*words in **bold** are to be spoken by the congregation*

***Prelude:** "Nun Danket Alle Gott" *Johann Crüger*
Jim Moore, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

**Minute for Mission:** Zachary Storti, Fellowship – Pig Pickin