We Gather to Worship God ...

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Call to Worship** Praise Team

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sin is put away!
Blessed are they who are free of guilt,
in whose spirit there is no deceit!
We are invited to come into his presence let us worship with joyful thanksgiving.
Let us worship God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

***Song:** "Open Up The Heavens"

***Song:** "Cornerstone"

Introduction of New Members

***Greeting and Veteran Acknowledgment**

Please introduce yourself during the greeting.

We Listen to the Word of God ...

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:11-32 Reader's Theater Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Sermon: "A Parable from Three Perspectives: The Younger Son" Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

We Offer or Prayers to God ...

Song: "Who Am I?"

Prayer Requests Joe Swisher

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Joe Swisher

We Depart to Serve God ...

***Song:** "Happy Day"

Please bring forward your tithes, offerings and Connection Cards at this time

***Benediction** Praise Team

***Departing Music**

Please join us for a follow-up conversation on the sermon in Room 304.

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert
Julia Miller and Joe Swisher, Co-Directors of Contemporary Music
Jeff Bowers, drums, Robert Pratt, electric guitar, Vito Compitello, electric guitar, Dave Wright, bass, Dan Shafer, vocalist
Joseph Friday, Jason Lybrand and Zachary Storti, Audio-Visual
Oden Semones, Elder-in-Charge
Mary Anne Crosby and Vera Devito, Ushers

Service Notes and Announcements

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

Headsets for the hearing impaired available at the AV desk.

Announcements

Friendsgiving Potluck Celebration: Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 pm in the SPC Gym. All church families and members are invited to this annual event. SPC will sponsor the turkeys; you are invited to bring a dish to share, if you are able. Sign up on the back of your connection card.

Thanksgiving Basket Project: Saturday, November 21 at Murray United Methodist Church. The ecumenical service will begin at 10:00 am and basket packing with begin at 11:00 am. To volunteer to unload, pack or deliver, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

Thanksgiving Together again this year! If you would like to host additional guests for Thanksgiving, or if you would love to celebrate with a few more folks from our church family, please reach out to Sara or Julie in the front office. We had an amazing turnout last year, and it was so wonderful to see new friendships formed all around! You never know what connections might be made when we open our tables and our hearts to others.

The ladies of **Women of Worth** and **Share, Word, Prayer small groups** invite all the ladies of the church to a **"Gathered in Gratitude Potluck"** on Nov 20 at 6pm in Lanneau Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

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

Advent Bible Study Opportunity: "Three Wise Women" by Dandi Daley Mackall will be facilitated by Suzie Ryan Thursdays starting on Nov. 12 at 10:30 am through Jan. 7 in the Dorchester Room. You can pick up and pay for your book in the church office. $15/book. Sign up on the connection card.

Hands of Christ Workdays will be held on two days - Saturday, November 14th & Friday, November 20th. Contact Sheila Wilson for more info.

New Testament Challenge:
We are on Week 46:
Nov 7-Nov 13
1 Peter 4-2 Peter 3
Look for a guide to Revelation Pastor Ralph is preparing and available on November 22.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and instruction slips are available after church in Lanneau Hall, vestibules, welcome centers or in the church office. Once your box is packed and ready to go, please return it to the church office **on or before our Friendsgiving event on November 15**. This is such a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with children around the world, and I hope many of you will join us in participating!

Advent Readers and Christmas Memorials: The insert features an Advent Reading sign up and the Christmas Memorials and Honorariums donation sheet. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or gym during the Christmas season.

The Meeting House
SUMMERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Contemporary Service
November 8, 2026