

AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

1589-SC 174, Edisto Island, SC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026



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REV. KEVIN P. STROOP

Music Director: Megan Whitt

Church Service: 9AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



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10th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

August 2, 2026

PRELUDE

"We Walk by Faith"

- Alford/Haugen

INTROIT

"Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, for You

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am faint; heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony.

People: My soul is in deep anguish. How long, Lord, how long?

Leader: Turn, Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

People: Among the dead no one proclaims your name. Who praises you from the grave?

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Almighty God, thank you for gathering us together today. We pray that through this worship, our hearts and minds will be open to receive Your word and feel Your presence more deeply. Strengthen us and inspire us to live out Your love in the week ahead. **AMEN.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"
(verses 1,2,4)

Hymn #256

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Grateful for God's many blessings, humbled by God's constant mercy, let us lift up our hearts in prayer.

That the Spirit of God may inspire and guide every dimension of our life together as a church community, **we pray to the Lord**
As our nation commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our community of faith may be a witness to the common good and the dignity of every human person, **we pray to the Lord**

That those who teach, counsel, and care for children may realize the sacred responsibility of their work and model generosity and integrity to the young people entrusted to them, **we pray to the Lord**

That the great compassion of God will restore to health and give hope to the sick, the suffering, the recovering, and the dying, **we pray to the Lord**

As we lift our voices to you in prayer, O God, raise our spirits to the joy of your presence; as we lift up our hearts to you in hope, transform our lives into the glorious life of your Son, the risen Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Praying: **Our Father...**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Seek Ye First" - Lafferty

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN** "How Can We Name a Love" (insert)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31 (on back)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON MESSAGE Rev. Kevin Stroop

***HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymn #271

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "God Be with you till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE "We Walk by Faith" - Alford/Haugen

****Those who are able, please stand***

SCRIPTURE – Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak." But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. ²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome." ²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name." But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." ³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

We will be back at the Lions Club on Sunday, August 9, which is also our Fellowship Sunday. Please bring your favorite brunch item for others to enjoy. **Reminder that we will be collecting food for the island food bank.**

COMMUNION is Sunday, August 16.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marilyn Davidson	Ethelynn Boozer	Jane Loy	Cliffie Jarrell
Nancy Culclasure	Mary & Billy McCollum		Kem Younts
Andy Fairey	Kim Durden		

Just a note ... Evan McMillian, 319 East Shore Lane, Charleston, SC 29407, Ethelynn Boozer, 14107 Seabiscuit, Milton, GA 30004, Nancy Culclasure, 1110 Marshall Rd., Apt. 6409, Greenwood, SC 29646, and Mary Ann Odom, 1215 Still Hopes Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169. Web Page: www.amazinggraceqmc.org



WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – JULY 30, 2026



Galatians 5:13-15 - *"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."*



Music Notes from Megan

Living as One Who Has Been Forgiven

Scripture: *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

— Ephesians 4:32

One of my favorite anthems to sing in choir is "I Then Shall Live," written by Gloria Gaither and set to Jean Sibelius' beautiful melody FINLANDIA. Rather than simply celebrating the gift of salvation, the hymn asks an important question: How should we live because we have been forgiven?

The opening words set the tone: "I then shall live as one who's been forgiven."

Those aren't just lyrics—they're a commitment. As followers of Christ, forgiveness isn't merely something we receive; it's something we extend. God's grace changes us from the inside out. When we truly understand the depth of His mercy, it transforms the way we treat others.

The hymn reminds us that because we have been loved, we are called to love. Because we have been shown mercy, we are called to show mercy. Because Christ welcomed us into His family, we are called to welcome others with compassion and grace.

That doesn't mean forgiveness is always easy. Sometimes it's one of the hardest things we're asked to do. Yet every time we remember the cross, we're reminded of the incredible forgiveness we've received. Our willingness to forgive becomes a testimony to the life-changing power of the gospel.

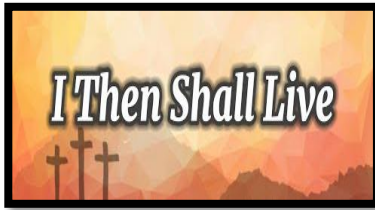
Today, consider this question: Does my life reflect someone who has truly been forgiven? May our words, actions, and attitudes point others to the grace we've found in Christ.

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven.
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child and I am not afraid.

So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me. Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me. The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, and may You feed a hungry world through me.



YOUTH NIGHTS

Youth Nights at Wesley Memorial came to a close on Thursday, July 23.

Our final evening together included a meaningful devotion followed by thoughtful questions and heartfelt conversations from young people who are genuinely seeking to grow in their faith. It was a wonderful way to wrap up a great summer.

We are incredibly grateful to Ford, Thomas, Will, and Jackson for their faithful commitment, servant hearts, and dedication over the past several months. Your investment in our youth has made a lasting impact, and we thank God for each of you.

To all of our students and families, we pray you have a blessed, safe, and successful school year. We look forward to seeing you again at future gatherings. Until then, may God continue to guide and strengthen you each day.

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."
— 1 Timothy 4:12

CONGRATULATIONS to 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Brantley who continues to make his family proud as he recently was one of the fifteen to graduate from Cyber School. He is stationed at Ft. Gordon near Augusta, Georgia. Thomas is the grandson of Dennis and Ruth Brantley.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES - 2026

WMMC Acolyte & Crucifer for Sunday, August 2 are Jude Whetstone and Brantley Hanna.

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER—JAMES 5:16

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