

**AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Lions Club, 2907 Myrtle St, Edisto Beach*

**February 1, 2026**



**REV. KEVIN P. STROOP**

**Music Director: Megan Whitt**

**Church Service: 9AM**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**





## **AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany - Green      February 1, 2026**

**PRELUDE**      "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

- Robinson, Farren, Thompson

**INTROIT**

"I Love You, Lord"

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, oh my soul, rejoice  
Take joy, my King, in what You hear  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

**People: more desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.**

#### **\*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**      "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"      Hymn #143

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Petitions and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer



## WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**ANTHEM**                    "You Are My All In All"                    - Jernigan

### \*DOXOLOGY

**\*HYMN**            "Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"            Hymn #124

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (back of bulletin)  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON MESSAGE**                    Rev. Kevin Stroop

**\*HYMN**                    "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"                    Hymn #416

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Three-fold Amen



**POSTLUDE**            "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"  
                                 - Robinson, Farren, Thompson

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



## SCRIPTURE – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup> For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— <sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

**FELLOWSHIP** is Sunday, February 8 right after church service.

Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share.

**COMMUNION SERVICE** is Sunday, February 15.

**Ash Wednesday Service** is February 18 at 6PM at WMMC.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Marilyn Davidson	Ethelynn Boozer	Jane Loy
Nancy Culclasure	Phyllis & John McInerney	Bob Spratlin
Earl Sanders, Jr.	Cheryl Shiffler	Cliffie Jarrell
Evan McMillian		
Dennis McCollum	Chris Hill	Sylvia Chandler

**Just a note .....** Evan McMillian, 319 East Shore Lane, Charleston, SC 29407, Ethelynn Boozer, 14107 Seabiscuit, Milton, GA 30004 and Nancy Culclasure, 1110 Marshall Rd., Apt. 6409, Greenwood, SC 29646.

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# WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 29, 2026



**Matthew 13:1-3a** - "That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables. . ."



## Music Notes from Megan

### "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

is one of the most beloved songs to emerge from the revival of religious music in Spain during the 1970s. It invites singers to see themselves as fishermen who left their boats and nets to follow Jesus—first as disciples learning the way of love, and then as apostles carrying that love to others.



It's funny how we remember certain things. Even at a young age, I remember being grateful to Donna for introducing this hymn to our congregation. If I remember correctly, it was so dear to her late sister, Susan, that it was sung at Susan's funeral service. You can imagine how deeply this hymn must be woven into Donna's heart.

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" was written in 1979 by Cesáreo Gabaráin, a priest in Spain. In response to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council—which encouraged the creation of new hymns in a variety of musical styles—Father Gabaráin embraced the call and went on to compose more than 500 liturgical songs. His music is simple and direct, written for and about everyday people living modest lives.

The hymn is based on the story from the beginning of Jesus' ministry, when he calls his first disciples. Jesus approaches Simon Peter, James, and John as they stand discouraged beside empty fishing nets. At the urging of this stranger to try once more, their nets are suddenly filled to overflowing. Awestruck, the three bind their lives to Jesus on the spot.

As we sing this hymn, we find ourselves standing alongside those rough, humble fishermen by the Sea of Galilee. With no weapons or trappings of wealth or power, we recognize ourselves as workers—one with the poor of the earth. Jesus smiles and calls each of us by name. The flowing melody, also composed by Gabaráin, mirrors a theology of tenderness, often sung with the gentle rhythm of lapping waves.

By the end of the hymn, we have pledged our own hands to the work of care and compassion. It's no wonder this gentle song became beloved around the world—translated into dozens of languages, cherished by Pope John Paul II, and by me as well.

(Lyrics continued on next column)

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

## 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore look - ing  
2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions; my boat  
3 You need my hands, full of car - ing, through my  
4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans, ev - er

nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you on - ly  
car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; you will  
la - bors to give oth - ers rest and con - stant  
longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my lov - ing

asked me to fol - low hum - bly.  
find there to my nets and la - bor.  
love that keeps on lov - ing.  
friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain / Estribillo  
O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while  
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do; los a - ños, son - ri -

smil - ing have spo - ken my name; now my  
en - do has di - cho mi nom - bre, en la g -

boat's left on the shore - line be - hind me. By your  
re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca, jun - ta

side I will seek oth - er seas.  
ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

This is one of the most popular songs to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious song in Spain. It asks singers to become like the fishermen who left boats and nets to follow Jesus, first as disciples learning his way of love, then as apostles carrying that love to others.

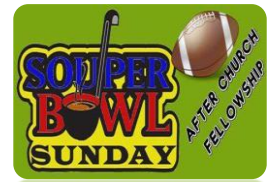
TEXT: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979. English trans. Gertrude Sapp, George Lockwood. And Raquel Cordero-Achón, 1988, alt.

Adapted: Cecilia Gabaráin, 1979. Trans. Skinner Chappell, 1987.

PESCAGORE DE HOMEROS  
8.10.10 with refrain

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 2026

**WMMC Souper-bowl Sunday** is February 8 after church service. (Bring your favorite pot of soup, cornbread, rice or dessert). Signup sheet is on the parlor glass window.



**Communion Sunday, February 15.**

**Combined Ash Wednesday Service, February 18 at 6PM at WMMC.**

**WMMC Moments of Fellowship, Sunday, February 22 – after service**

## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER-JAMES 5:16

### Amazing Grace Methodist Church



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Jane Loy	Cliffie Jarrell
Nancy Culclasure	Bob Spratlin
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### Wesley Memorial Methodist Church

Mary Alice Hardee	Lou King	Virginia Weatherford
Tim & Toni Rooks	Doug Conklin	Suzanne Pedersen
Shelby Smoak	Evan McMillan	Donna Padgett
Linda Savage	Joseph Litchfield	Greg Ingalls
Karen Berry	Ben Rhyne	Jean Catanzaro
The Denmark Family	Boot Golden	Eric Whetstone
Carson Moody	Mick & Pearle Baker	Ginny Ceva
Jenny Whetstone Miller	Friends of Harold: Ed & Vickie	
Anna Rabun	Judy & Jack Yielding	Philip Thompson
Bubba Floyd	Terri Taylor	

(Please let the church office know your concerns)