

Sunday's @ 8:40 AM



Monday's 10:00 AM-1:00 PM;
2:00 PM-5:00 PM



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Last Sunday:
November 1, 2026
Attendance: 63
(in person & online)
Offering: $**1,637**

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Prayer Requests

The Steele Family, Bob Spratlin, Jim Whitesell, Patti Smyer, Haley Davis, Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch, Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, Tommy Keller, Donna Padgette, Butch Evans, Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Booser, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Thomas Tindall, Buff Yelton, Dawn & Berry Wren, Morgan Family

Worship Participants:

Donna Padgette, Johnelle Mische, Steve Strange



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY READINGS:
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46



25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

PRELUDE
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #328** "Surely the Presence"
CALL TO WORSHIP
God has entrusted us with gifts of grace and love.
We come to offer our lives in faithful service.
Fear tells us to hold tightly to what we have.
Christ calls us to live courageously and love generously.
God has given us neighbors to love, a community to serve, and Good News to proclaim.
We will not bury the gifts of God.
Come, let us worship the One who calls us into faithful service.
With grateful hearts, we worship God!

***OPENING PRAYER**
Gracious God, you have entrusted us with more than we can measure: life and love, grace and hope, this community of faith, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Free us from the fear that causes us to hold back what you have given. Awaken us to the gifts already among us, and give us courage to use them for your kingdom. Through our worship today, shape us into faithful disciples who love boldly, serve generously, welcome freely, and trust you completely. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #462** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON
Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
Merciful God, you have entrusted us with your abundant grace, yet too often we have been afraid.
We have buried compassion beneath convenience, generosity beneath anxiety, hospitality beneath suspicion, and hope beneath discouragement.
We have protected what you gave us to share.
We have remained silent when love required a voice and stayed comfortable when discipleship required courage.
Forgive us, Lord. Unearth what fear has buried within us. Renew our courage. Restore our joy. Teach us to trust your grace and faithfully use the gifts you have given for the healing of our neighbors and the building of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(In silence, let us now confess our sins)

Hear the Good News: God's grace is not buried by our failures. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called again into faithful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINTATION
Living God, open your Word to us, and open us to your Word. Quiet the voices of fear and awaken us to the abundance of your grace.By your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear, hearts to trust, and courage to follow Jesus Christ, the living Word. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Judges 4:1-7
PSALTER Psalm 123
To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid, to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough contempt.
Our soul has had more that its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.
EPISTLE LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
***GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 25: 14-30

SERMON **"***Don't Bury the Gift*"

***HYMN #354** "I Surrender All" (v.1,2,4)
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881 "The Apostles' Creed"
GLORIA PATRI #70 "Glory Be to the Father"
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
OFFERING
ANTHEM
***DOXOLOGY #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious God, all that we have and all that we are come from you. Receive these gifts and use them for the work of your kingdom. But receive also our lives. Keep the lamps of our faith burning brightly, that through our generosity, mercy, and love, others may see the hope of the risen Christ. Make us faithful stewards of your grace until your kingdom comes in its fullness. Amen.

***HYMN #576** "Rise Up, O Men of God"
***SENDING FORTH & BENEDICTION**
Go now in the grace of God. Do not bury the gifts God has placed within you. Do not let fear have the final word.
Love boldly. Serve generously. Welcome widely. Forgive freely. Give courageously.
And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you as you faithfully serve Christ and your neighbor.
Amen.



DON'T BURY THE GIFT
A Post-Sermon Reflection • Matthew 25:14–30
Jesus' question is not whether our gift is large enough. It is whether fear will convince us to bury what God has entrusted to us. Faithfulness means trusting God's grace enough to put what we have been given to work in love.
LOOK WITHIN
• What has God entrusted to me?
• What have I buried because of fear or uncertainty?
LOOK AROUND
• What has God entrusted to us as a church?
• How can we use our gifts to love and serve Edisto Island?
TAKE ONE STEP THIS WEEK
Dig up one gift: call someone who is lonely, welcome someone new, forgive, encourage a child, help a neighbor, give generously, or try the ministry you have been afraid to try.
Love boldly. Serve generously. Welcome widely. Forgive freely. Give courageously.
What will you refuse to bury this week?
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-Len Ripley