SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



JANUARY 2, 2022

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Listen to the Angels
Arr. Mark Hayes/One License/MR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Arr. Mark Hayes/One License #30220

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. In Christ † your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. *Amen.*

As the cross passes your pew, we turn and face the altar.

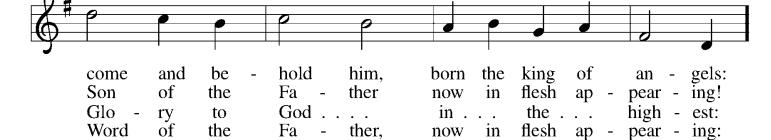
HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

Wade/PUBLIC DOMAIN



- joy ful and tri um phant! O come, all ye faith - ful, O ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal, The high - est, most choirs of an - gels, ex - ul - ta - tion, 3 Sing. sing in 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;
- O come Beth le - hem; come ye, ye to he comes; born of a vir gin, a mor - tal cit - i - zens sing, all of a - bove! heav - en ye Je thee be . . . glo ry giv'n! sus, to



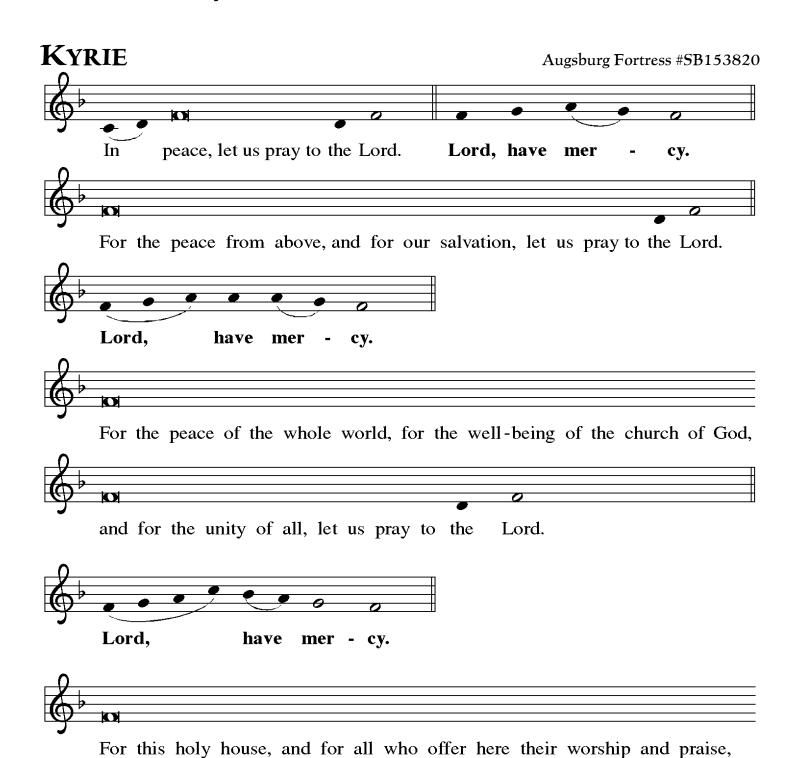
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O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*

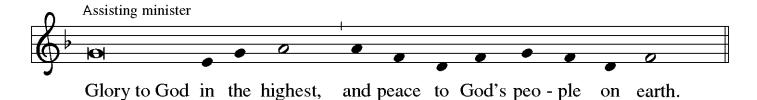




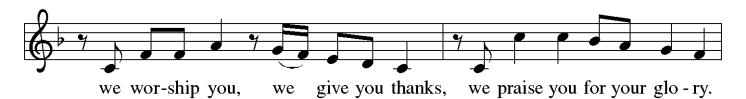


GLORIA

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Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,





you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re-ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people,

the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,

and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word lives among us. **We hear the Word.**

Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

¹³who has strengthened the bars of your gates. and has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷God scatters hail like bread crumbs.

Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

¹⁹God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.

²⁰The Lord has not done so to any other nation; they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from Ephesians.

¹³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word lives among us.

We hear the Word.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being

through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

children of God

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

"Word became flesh"

We stand.

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

Mohr, Gruber/PUBLIC DOMAIN



Si lent night, 1 night, 2 Si lent 3 Si

night, lent

ho ly

night! night! ho ly night! ho ly

All is calm, Shep - herds quake Son of God.



all bright is sight; the love's pure light

round yon glo - ries ra - diant

moth - er and child. vir gin stream from heav - en a - far, beams from ho - ly your face,



Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, Hold - er ten - der and mild, Ho - ly In - fant, so hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! heav'n-ly with dawn of re-deem - ing grace, the

schlaf in himm - li - scher heav - en - ly sleep in Sav - ior, is Christ, the sus, Lord, at your Je -



Ruh, peace, born! birth,

schlaf in sleep in Christ, the Je Lord, sus,

Ruh.himm - li - scher heav - en - ly peace. Say - ior, is born! at your birth.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

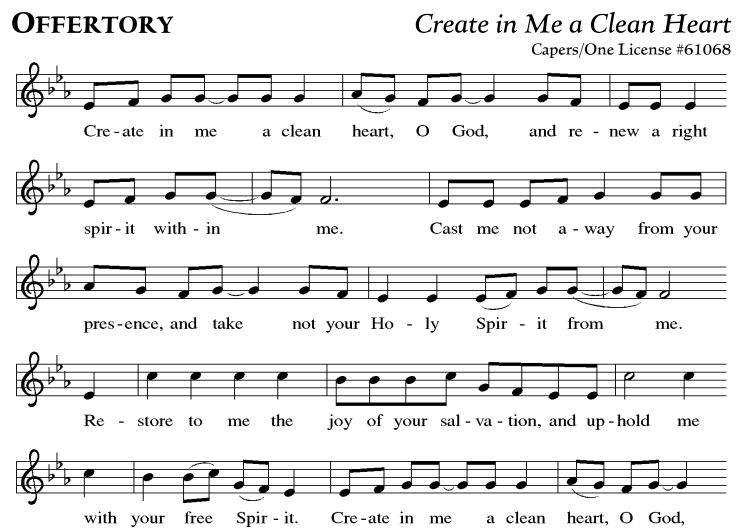
OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Emmanuel
Michael Card/CCLI #7076987

We stand.





OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.
Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

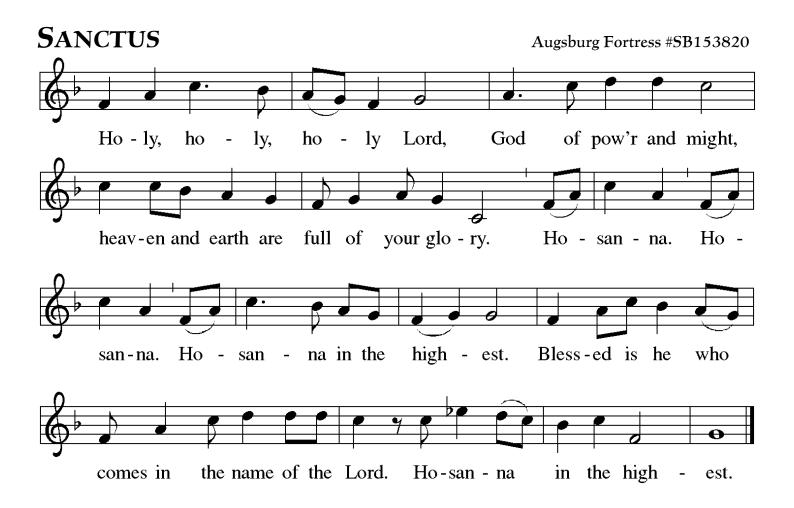
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. *Come*, *Lord Jesus*.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. *Come*, *Holy Spirit*.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Behold the Lamb of God

Peterson/CCLI #4618782

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

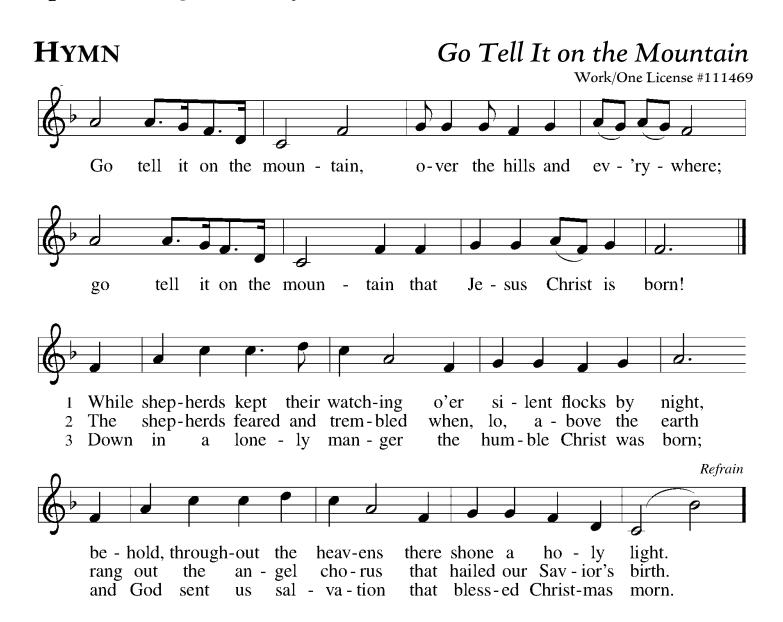
We pray together.
We thank you,
wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,

strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. *Amen.*



As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

POSTLUDE

O How Joyfully

Arr. Burkhardt/One License #10-013-2

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of those who shine their lights for all to see and follow. Let your light shine! It's an honor to carry the light together with you, Pastor Gina.



Community Epiphany Service

COME AND WORSHIP
JANUARY 6TH
7:00PM



Does it sometimes seem comfusing?

What do Lutherans believe?

5 session class

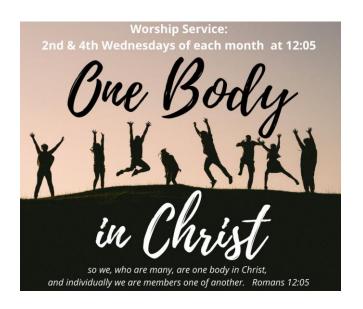
Wednesday nights ~ Fellowship Hall
6:00 coffee and discussion

January 12 through February 9

OneBody in Christ

Beginning January 12th on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. This 30-minute worship service will include Word and Holy Communion.

If someone would like to coordinate food (covered dish meals), please let Pastor Gina know



2022 Church Council

Joel Price, Sr., President; Blake Allen, Vice President; Sheila Eargle, Secretary

Terms expiring 2022 Sheila Eargle, Karen Nicholson, Jenny Scott, Earl Sease

Terms expiring 2023 Blake Allen, Mike Rawl, Sheila Starkey, Allison Swygert

Terms expiring 2024 Frankie Jackson, Jeff Price, Joel Price, Sr., Laura Stevens

DECEMBER Live Stream Check-ins + In-person = Total

December 5 th	62	+	102	164
December 5 th Cantata	56	+	97	153
December 12 th	66	+	84	150
December 12th Evening Advent				24
December 19th	56	+	87	143
December 19th Evening	21			
December 24th 4:00				50
December 24th 7:00	62	+	58	156
December 26 th	58	+	68	126

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

12/24/2021 Live Stream Worship 62 + In-person 94 = 156 Children's Service = 50

12/26/2021 Live Stream Worship 58 + In-person 68 = 126

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,141.65
Building Improvement	Received	\$140.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$780.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In Memory of Rev. Everett Price by Lynn Bouknight, Dave & Debra Butts, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Terry & Allison Swygert, Herb Bucknam, Clifton & Ann Addy, Danny & Jenny Scott, Annette Price, Angie Hydrick

To the glory of God and in memory of the birthday of my mother, Frances Porth, with love by Earl & Mary Frances

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MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations

Alberta Berry, home

Hazel Bockus, Springdale Home

Lyle Bockus, Springdale Home

Nell Buff, NHC

Gennar Kiser, home June Roof, Rapha

Tom Roof, home

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Clifton Addy James Hallman Becky Ellisor Angie Hydrick Jean Shealy Jimmy Maddox Jerry Price III Jane Sexton

Cyndi Thurman Linda Waters-Hamilton

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Grayson Dykes, friend of Angie Hydrick

Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley

David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam

Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley

Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy

Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb Bucknam

Tressa Oswalt, sister of Angie Hydrick

Don Freeman, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jessica Drigger's mother, friend of Denise Thurman

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Dr. Kay Moore, friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart

Thomas McDonald, son-in-law of Joel and Cindy Price

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Carter Miller, great-grandson of Mary and Wynne Price

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll

Beth Ellsworth, friend of Kenny Bouknight

Charlie & Henry King, grandsons of Francis & Joanne Eargle

David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert

Michelle Gross, friend of Regan Anthony

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Grayson Crout, friend of Sheila Starkey

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Serving Next Sunday

Greeter: Mary Price Mary Price
Crucifer: Jackson Price Josh Koon
Acolytes: Spencer Price Sam Koon

Lector: Joel Price, Sr. Danny Scott

Communion Asst. Terry Swygert Marion Leaphart

Joel Price, Sr. Joel Price, Sr.

Serving in January

Council Representative: Allison Swygert Altar Guild: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick Tabulators: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

* If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you are serving during worship, please arrive no later than 8:30am for sound check or updates to responsibilities during worship.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 9th

9:00 am Worship (Baptism)

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School

2:00 pm CR: SC Lutheran Men

Monday, January 10th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm CR: Dot Mathias

6:30 pm Lutheran Men Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th

6:00 pm CR: Michelle Gantt

Wednesday, January 12th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:00 pm One Body in Christ

6:00 pm Study: We Believe

Thursday, January 13th

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 15th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Lynn Bouknight and Karen Nicholson)

Sunday, January 16th

9:00 am Sunday Worship

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, January 4th

6:00 pm CR: Michelle Gantt

6:00 pm Executive Committee

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 5th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Mary Frances Sease)

Thursday, January 6th

7:00 pm Epiphany Worship

Saturday, January 8th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Frankie & Melanie Jackson)

Sunday, January 9th

9:00 am Sunday Worship

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School