

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 4, 2018 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church West Columbia, SC 9:00am Worship

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.
A nursery is provided for younger children.
If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Today continues our journey that focuses on who are called to be as disciples of Jesus. Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Again welcome...

This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here!

PRE-SERVICE

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

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.**

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

PRELUDE In Paradisum from the Requiem Gabriel Fauré We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. *Amen*.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer, we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. *Amen*.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW 422 (Red Book)

GREETING

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

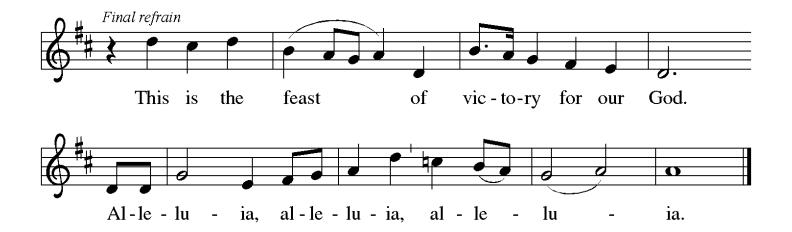
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE









PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations;

8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24

Read responsively.

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place.

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

4he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

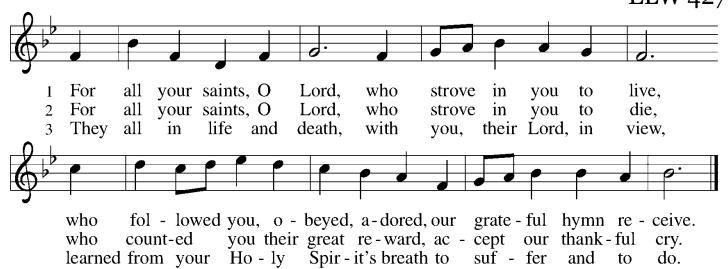
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW 427



GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter *Glory to you, O Lord*.

32When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35Jesus began to weep. 36So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

For All Your Saints, O Lord ELW 427





We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.

MESSAGE

Believers see the glory of God

HYMN

NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers conclude:

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen*.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

THE MEAL

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 make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Please also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

Buryl Red (Chancel Choir)

OFFERTORY

I Love You Lord

W&P 67

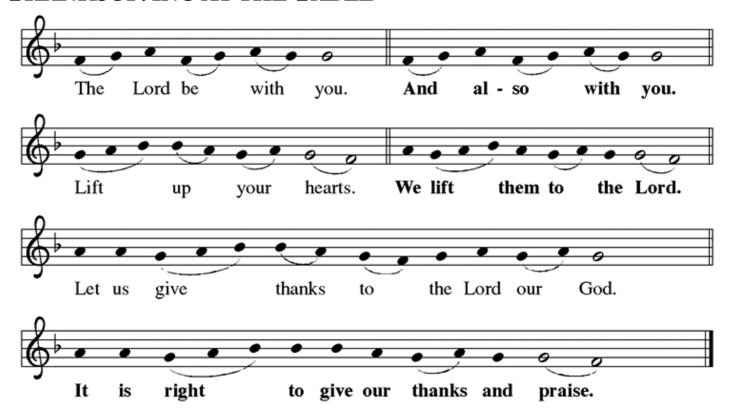


OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

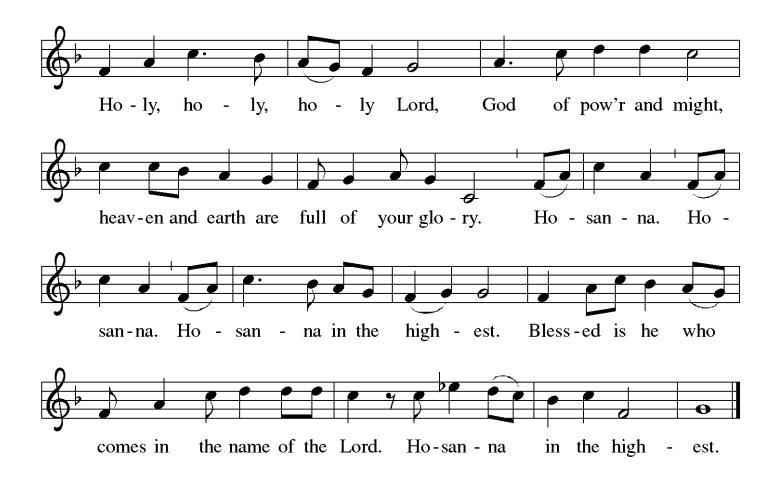
Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE



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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with James Marion Corley, Tommy Lewis Bouknight, Betty Younginer Lindler, William Ralph Watson, and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen *Amen*.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their pew.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES AT THE ALTAR

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God	W&P 83
I am the Bread of Life	ELW 485
When Peace Like a River	ELW 785

We stand.

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.

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come.

Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God surround you; the grace of † Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. **HYMN** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart ELW 873

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord *Thanks be to God*.

POSTLUDE Jesus Christus, Unser Heiland Johann Pachelbel

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

We remember Mt Hermon disciples of Christ on All Saints Sunday

James Marion Corley	12/27/2017
Tommy Lewis Bouknight	03/06/18
Betty Younginer Lindley	03/11/18
William Ralph Watson	05/04/18

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving Memory of George and Bessie Fulmer, Glenn Medlin and Doris Udovich and also Red and Amelia Gardner.

Today the congregation will nominate persons for council.

The annual congregational meeting will be November 18th. You will receive a ballot with four names which have been nominated by Council. Today's ballot is to <u>nominate</u> 5 additional names: 4 adults and 1 youth. If needed to break a tie, next Sunday we will have a second nominating meeting. On November 18th there will be the Annual meeting to <u>elect</u> 4 adult council members and one youth. We will also vote on the 2019 Spending Plan. You should have received a package in the mail this week. If you did not, extra copies are on the table outside the secretary's office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gina at 803.951.3784 or email <u>PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com</u>

TODAY at 3pm Ryan Price and Ruthie Brannen will give a concert "A Tribute to Rich Mullins" in the

fellowship hall at Mt. Hermon. Plan to attend and bring a friend with you to the concert. The youth will be offering light refreshments as a fund raiser for their summer activities.

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday November 11th at 3pm. This will be the installation service for Pastor Gina. The installation is during the afternoon so that area pastors and members from other congregations will be able to attend the Service of Installation.



New handicap parking spaces are marked near the elevators on the Methodist part entrance of Mt Hermon.

Our next Adopt-A-Highway will start at 9 AM in the church parking lot on Saturday, November 17, 2018. For questions please call Tom Stahl 803.356.5740. Please join us if you can.

Young at Heart Thanksgiving luncheon will be November 14th in the fellowship hall. The meal is catered. There is a signup sheet in the breezeway. Questions, call Connie Bucknam or Doris Carver.

Christmas Poinsettias Please help us decorate the sanctuary this season with the purchase of a poinsettia remembering a loved one. Poinsettias are \$8.50 again this year. Please use your CHIRSTMAS FLOWER offering envelope, complete the back of the envelope identifying if it's "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" and place in the offering.

	Serving Today	Serving November 11
Greeter:	Jenny Scott	David Marsh

Crucifer: Bryce Addy Wynne Price
Acolytes: Karly Addy Jackson Price
Brayden Rutherford Joshua Koon

Coming Today*

Lector: Allison Swygert Jennifer Miller

Communion Asst.

Angie Hydrick Perry Bouknight Joel Price Sr. Trudy Bouknight Breanna Metze Wynne Price

Children's Sermon:

Sheila Eargle Daryl Leigh Anthony

Conving November 11*

Nursery: Grace Roof, Grace Roof, Haley Addy &

Emily & Moises Arroyo Karen Nicholson

Food Pantry: Nov 7th Nov 14th

Annette Price Angie Hydrick

^{*}If you have a responsibility in the service, please arrive no later than 8:45am. If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change.

Serving in November

Council Representative: Ann Addy

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-

Hamilton

Tabulators: Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Doris Carver, Jane Sexton,

Mary Frances Sease

Ushers: Jeff Price, Marion Leaphart, Jim Whitaker, Al Stevens

10/21/18 Attendance

Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. 124 Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. 59

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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff (Lexington Place) Margie Hook (Home)

Pearl Dennis (HarborChase) Lib Swygert (Lowman Home) Gloria Mathias (Home) Lois Watson (Lexington Place)

Lena Wessinger (Presbyterian Home)

Patricia Bachman (Pruitt Health)

Connie Buchnam (Lex Extended Care)

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Hazel Bockus Lynwood Crout Suzie Wattenbarger Alberta Berry Clifton Addy *Mary Frances Sease

Mary Frances Hamilton

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam) Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Scott Coleman (Thurman)

Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)

W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi)

Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)

Edwin Porter (Marie Kleckley)

Doris Landry (Buddy Hydrick)

Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)

Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)

Charles Price (Angie Hydrick)

Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)

Sue Reeves (Thurman)

Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi)

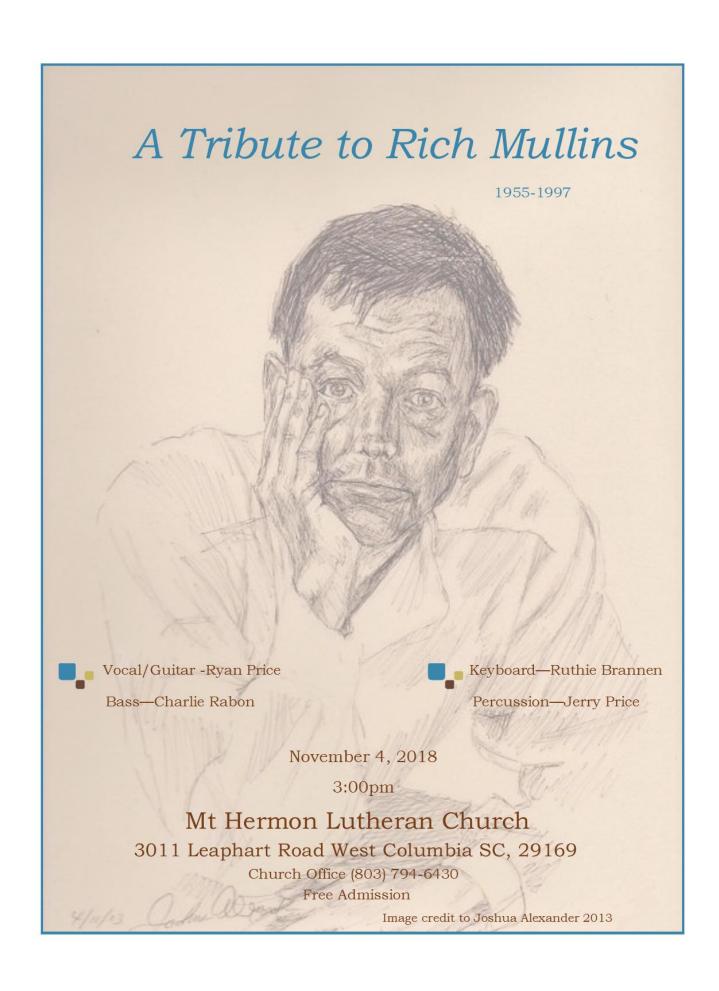
Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances

Becky Richardson (Sheila Eargle)

Jason Thurman (Thurman)

Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)

Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy)





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Rev. Gina D. Metze 803.951.3784 Brittany Mailleue Parish Administrator Ruthie Brannen Cantor

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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

President, *Danny Scott* Secretary, *Alyson Price* Financial Secretary, *Annette Price* Vice President, Terry Swygert Treasurer, Emily Morris Sextons, Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert

Sunday, November 4th – All Saints Sunday

9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School 3:00 pm "A Tribute to Rich Mullins"

Monday, November 5

11:00 am Archives / Membership Meets 5:30 pm Worship & Music Meets

Tuesday, November 6

1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class 2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class

Wednesday, November 7

12:00pm Bulletin Information Due6:00pm Handbells6:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 8

1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class 2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class