



Our King

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

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 ...

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

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be God,

the one who forms us,

✠ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

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

As children of the One true God, we acknowledge our need for a merciful and forgiving God.

Silence for reflection.

**Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image
in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive our sins † and lead us to eternal life.
Amen.*

As fully forgiven children of God, turn and face the altar as the cross passes you.

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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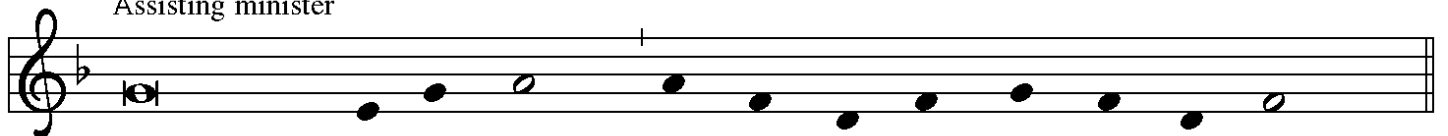
GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

***²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.***

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

***⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.***

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

***⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.***

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand.

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ***‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’*** ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not

give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’
⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ***‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’*** ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

LITTLE ONE’S TIME

when?

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

why not now?

We stand.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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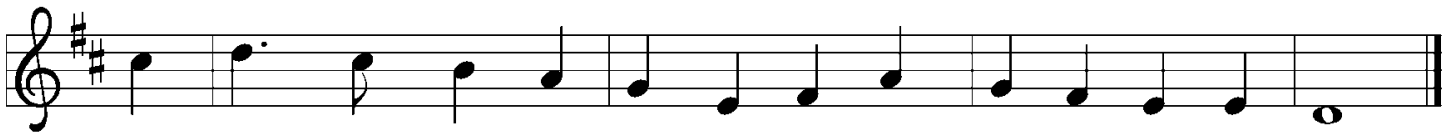
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

Hear us, O God. ***Your mercy is great.***

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. ***Amen.***

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.

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.com and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Friendship pads are located in the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

ANTHEM

Majesty

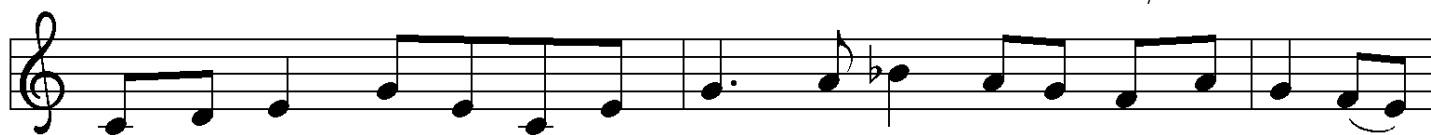
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.***

***We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.***

***Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

THE MEAL

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

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.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way to everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second chalice of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Irish Tune/CCLI #1037600

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.

***Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

THE SENDING

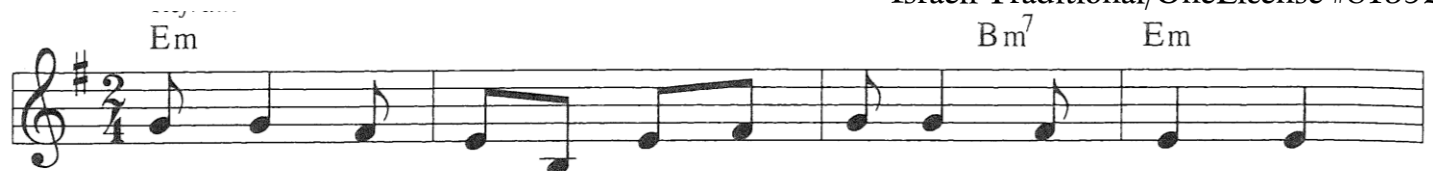
BLESSING

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. ***Amen.***

HYMN

The King of Glory

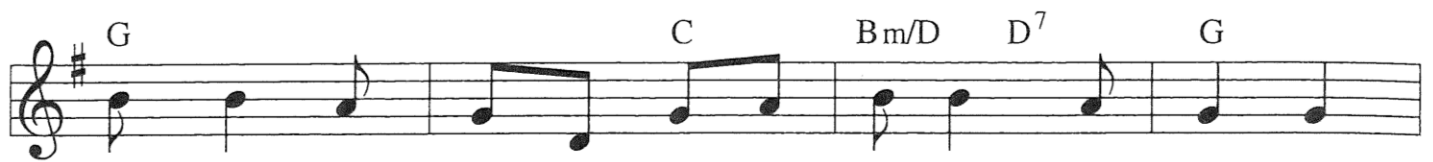
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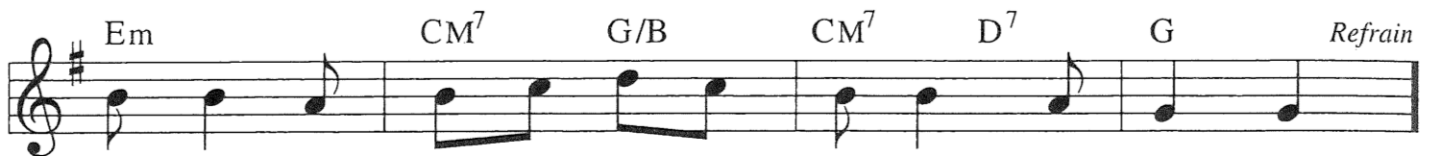
The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

The children are invited to meet pastor Gina in the center aisle as we are dismissed. The children will go to the craft/music room to practice their upcoming Christmas program.

POSTLUDE

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007

The Lord bless you — and keep you,
make his face shine — up - on — you and be gra - cious — to you.
The Lord turn his — face toward you and give you peace. .
— A — men, a —
-men, a — men. A — men, a —
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |
-men, a — men. - men.

As the cross passes your pew, 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers that beautify the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of Mt. Hermon welcoming us with loving arms when we joined this wonderful church family two years ago by Arron, Elyse, Quentin, and Walker Kinard.



The Children's Christmas Program will take place during worship on December 17th. Until then, each week, the children will join during the Sunday School hour. The children will gather and be dismissed from the craft/music room. We welcome and encourage all children in the congregation to come and tell the story of the birth of Jesus.

Make a difference in the community. Take a tag and purchase items for a child. The wrapped presents should be returned to the church by December 10th.



Advent Family Night – December 3rd at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will join for a meal and Advent preparations. Crafts and education “wrapped around” the meaning of Advent.

TITHES AND OFFERING

11/19/2023 Sunday School = n/a

In-person Worship 102 + Live Stream Worship 92 = 194

Community Thanksgiving 120 + Live Stream Worship 72 = 192

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,770.85
Building Fund	Received	\$335.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$95.00

Honorariums and Memorials

n/a

YTD October 2023	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	188,568.47	197,884.35	(9,316.18)
Building Fund	57,005.02	49,544.80	7,460.22
Bldg Improvement	19,553.79	16,665.51	2,888.28



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The 2024 Mission Plan was **approved**. The results of **Council elections** are:

Sherwood Garrett, Jennifer Miller, Jerry Price, Terry Swygert, and Conner Eargle, youth. The 2024

Council are to attend the December 10th council meeting and the entire Council will be installed on December 17th.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Ushers:	Kirby Johnson	Cindy Price
	Connor Eargle	Joel Price, Jr.
Crucifer:	Mackenzie Burns	Spencer Price
Acolyte:	Brayden Morris	Cameron Bucknam
Lector:	Kirby Johnson	Devona Price
Communion Assts:	Mackenzie Burns	Spencer Price
	Brayden Morris	Cameron Bucknam
	Kirby Johnson	Devona Price
	Hayden Eargle	Joel Price, Sr.
	Lynn Bouknight	Cindy Price
Nursery:	Leah Rawl	Noah Swygert
	Brittany Allen	Cassie Swygert
Flowers:	Arron Kinard	Mary Frances Sease

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

COUNCIL REP: Jeff Price

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Brandon Donaldson, Marie Gardner

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*
Eldon Eargle, *National Healthcare*
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Gene Sexton, *National Healthcare*
Gloria Mathis, *home*
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*
Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight Chris Carroll
Dot Mathias Gene Schofield

Easton Donaldson Georgianna Gray
Jane Sexton Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*
Debbie Browning, *Sister of Donna Kirkpatrick*
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Dale Miller, *son-in-law Wynne and Mary Price*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Mike Ondera, *friend of Sherwood Garrett*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Jeff Tarlton, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Carleton Morse, *father of Cyndi Leaphart*
Martha Williamson, *sister of Frank Bouknight*
Jay Sox, *Papa of Brayden Rutherford and Dylan Whitaker*
Ann Piercy, *friend of Kathy and Jim Whitaker*
Jeff Reid, *friend of Jan Schofield*
Stephanie Alewine Hopper, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*
Vicki Boozer, *friend of David & Scottie Marsh*
Stetson Cooper, *grandson of Shirley & Dan Cooper*
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend, and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Ken Brock, *friend of Kathy Cooper*
Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*
Logan Wittwer, *friend of Jessica Goodwin & Cameron Blakely*
Kamryn and Naveah, *friends of Sheila Starkey*

*Please note that this prayer list will
be updated soon and those who you
wish to remain on the list, please
send an email to
office@WeAreMtHermon.com*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, December 3rd

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School (Children in Craft/Music Room)
- 2:00 pm Porch Visits
- 5:00 pm Youth Meeting
- 6:00 pm Advent Family Night (a preparation for Advent)

Monday, December 4th

- 6:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, December 5th

- 5:00 pm Executive Team
- 6:30 pm GR: Grief Support

Wednesday, December 6th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)
- 6:30 pm FH: Advent Worship
- 7:00 pm FH: Advent Meal (youth ministry fundraiser)

Saturday, December 9th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)





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Parker Boulware, Treasurer
Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENT

Sunday, November 26th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School (Children in Craft/Music Room)

Monday, November 27th

6:30 pm CR: Worship Team

Tuesday, November 28th

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, November 29th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware, Mary Price)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 30th

9:00 am Sole Stepping, Cayce Elementary

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura & Al Stevens)
10:00 am Shock and Claus