



# The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 11, 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 should you want to use it at any time.*

*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  
Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who  
pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow  
who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as  
an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her  
last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

**Again welcome...**

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

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**    *As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus*    Arr. Hayes

## **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**.*

**PRELUDE**

*On Eagle's Wings*

Setting – John Carter

*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**

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

W&P 123  
*(Purple Book)*

**GREETING**

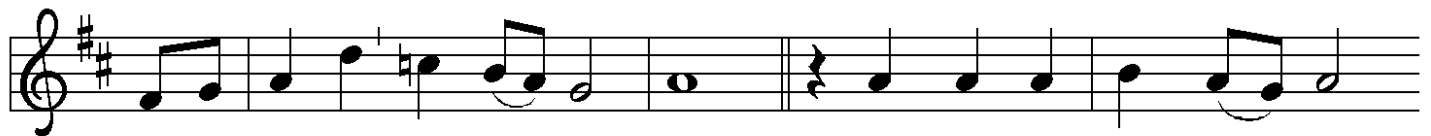
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***And also with you.***

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



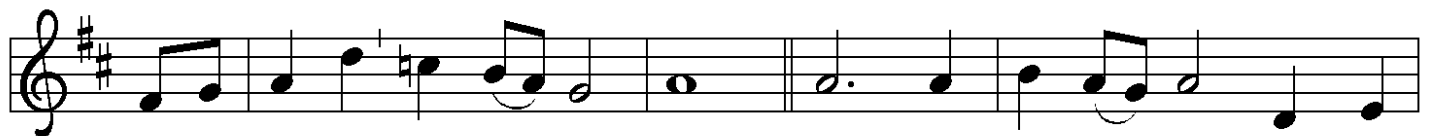
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

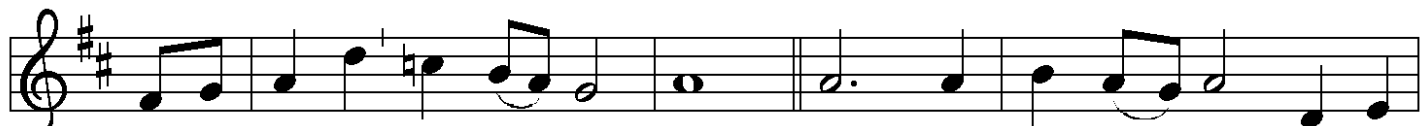


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

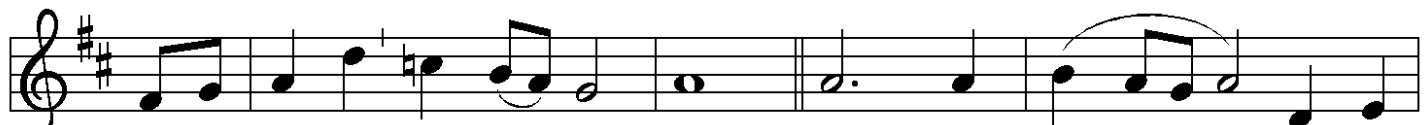


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### **READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

*A reading from 1 Kings.*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be

afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **PSALM 146**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>***I will praise the LORD as long as I live;***

***I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.***

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>***When they breathe their last, they return to earth,***

***and in that day their thoughts perish.***

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>***who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;***

***who keeps promises forever;***

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>***The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;***

***the LORD loves the righteous.***

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>***The LORD shall reign forever,***

***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!***

## READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

*A reading from Hebrews.*

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.

***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: Mark 12:38-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter  
***Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

*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**

*Abundance or Scarcity*

*We stand.*

**HYMN**

*Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*

ELW 712

**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**

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

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

*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](http://www.mthlc.org) and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.*

### OFFERING

*Blessed Assurance*

Arr. Hayes

### OFFERTORY

*Holy Ground*

W&P 59



We are \_ stand - ing \_\_\_\_\_ on ho - ly ground, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_ I \_



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know that there are an - gels all a - round. \_\_\_\_\_ Let \_ us \_ praise \_\_\_\_\_



\_ Je - sus now. \_\_\_\_\_ We \_ are \_ stand - ing in His



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pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

## 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

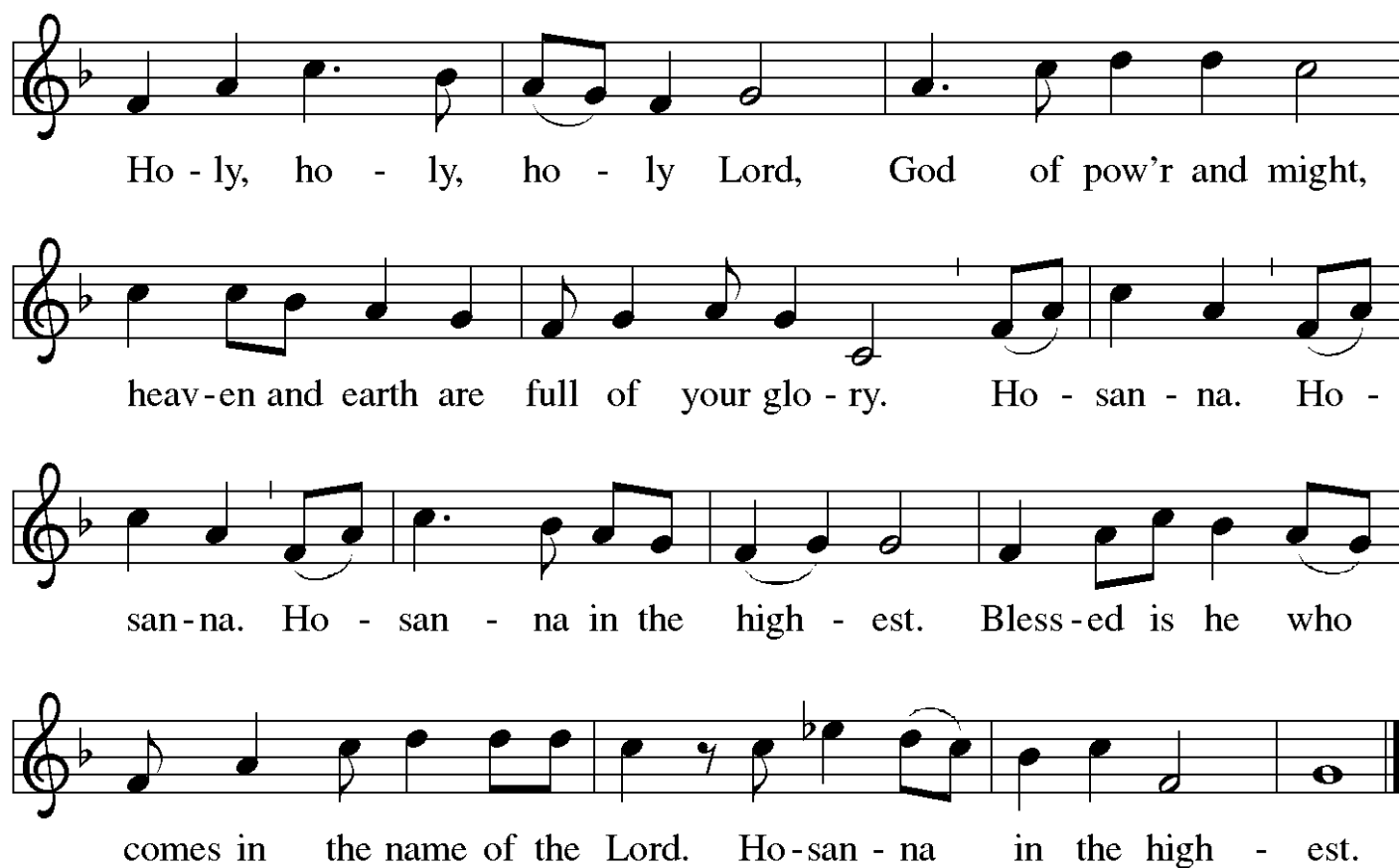


## PREFACE

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.

You call your children to continue to live in the world but not live for the world. You fill us with the Holy Spirit to do your will.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.***

With this bread and cup, your Word abides with us, full of grace and truth; as he is in you, we are in him, in his death and resurrection. We long for his gift of peace. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Father, send your Holy Spirit upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Come among us. Guide us into your truth. Make our joy complete. Breathe into us your peace, that we may we love one another, as Jesus has loved us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours, Holy Father, Eternal Word, Spirit of Peace, one God, 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.*

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Lamb of God*

**W&P 83**

*Come, Let us Worship & Bow Down*

**W&P 31**

*By Grace We Have Been Saved*

**W&P 25**

*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**

*Go My Children*

ELW 543

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE** *March on “Down Ampney”* *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Ryan Price Sr. by the Price families.

**Today** at 3pm 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.

**The annual congregational meeting** will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. Council has nominated 4 persons to be on the ballot and one youth. On November 4<sup>th</sup> the congregation added additional names to the ballot. November 18<sup>th</sup> will be the annual meeting to elect 4 adult council members and one youth. We will also vote on the 2019 Spending Plan. If you need a copy of these documents, there are copies outside the parish administrator's office. Also, if you did not receive the mailing, please contact the office to confirm your address. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gina at 803.951.3784 or email [PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com](mailto:PastorGinaMetze@gmail.com)

**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. (Also note that the first pickup in 2019 will be on Feb. 09, 2019.)

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

**Biscuit Blitz** is this morning LYC members will be delivering biscuits to your Sunday School classroom for those who reserved a biscuit.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!** 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 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS offering envelope, complete the back of the envelope identifying if it's "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" and place it in the offering.



**November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm** The annual Thanksgiving Service will be at All Saints Episcopal 1001 12th St, Cayce, SC 29033. Pastor Gina will be assisting in the service, as well as, other pastors in the West Metro Clergy Association. A reception that follows the service.

	<b>Serving Today*</b>	<b>Serving November 18*</b>
<b>Greeter:</b>	David Marsh	Kay Bryant
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Wynne Price	Perry Bouknight
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Skyler Miller Joshua Koon	Ainsley Allen Lawson Morris
<b>Lector:</b>	Jennifer Miller	Devona Price
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Perry Bouknight Trudy Bouknight Wynne Price	Bryce Addy Wynne Price Perry Bouknight
<b>Children's Sermon:</b>	Ruthie Brannen	Pastor Gina
<b>Nursery:</b>	Grace Roof, Haley Addy Karen Nicholson	Grace Roof, Jamie Allen & Alyson Price
<b>Food Pantry:</b>	Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> Angie Hydrick	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> Diane Boulware

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

## **Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)**

In memory of Adam Cullum by Linda Waters-Hamilton

In honor of the Mt. Hermon LMM for their kindness in building my handicap ramp by Gloria Mathias

To the glory of God and in honor of mom, Margie hook, on her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday by Myra, Carl, Norman, Richard, and families

In honor of Jerry Ellisor on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday today by Becky, Robin and Joshua.

### **10/21/18 Attendance**

Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m. 114  
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. 50

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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, *Presby. Home*                Patricia Bachman, *Pruitt Health*  
Connie Bucknam, *Lexington Ext. Care*

### ***Members in Special Need of Prayer***

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

### ***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 (Earl & Mary Frances)  
Becky Richardson (Sheila Eargle)  
Jason Thurman (Thurman)  
Richie Tallent (Danny Scott)  
Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy)  
Evelyn Newman, *friend of Ricky and Fran Bouknight*



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### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

President, *Danny Scott* Vice President, *Terry Swygert*  
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### **Sunday, November 11**

#### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am Worship Service  
10:15 am Sunday School  
3:00 pm Installation of Pastor Gina  
6:00 pm Council Meets

### **Monday, November 12**

6:30 pm Lutheran Men

### **Tuesday, November 13**

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

### **Wednesday, November 14**

12:00 pm Young @ Heart Thanksgiving meal  
6:00pm Handbells  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, November 15**

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