FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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

Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme

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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

Savior of the Nations Come

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

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

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. *Amen.*

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

HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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- 1 Re joice, re joice, be liev ers, and let your lights ap pear;
- 2 The watch-ers on the moun-tain pro-claim the bride-groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa tience their cross and suf f'rings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex pec ta tion, O Je sus, now ap pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. ap - proach - es with go al - le - lu - ias forth as he clear. shall live and reign for - ev - er when more. sor - row is rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



a - ris - ing and The bride-groom is soon is draw-ing nigh. mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand. round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold; hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O With Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry. A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand. in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold. the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

GREETING

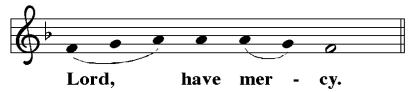
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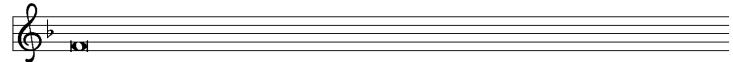
And also with you.



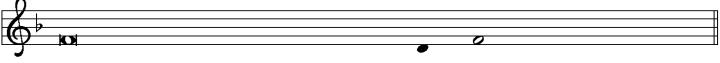
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

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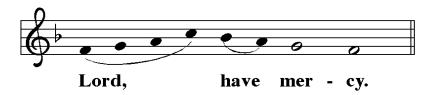


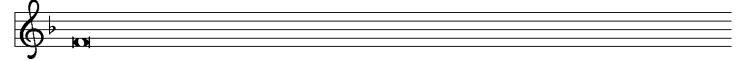


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

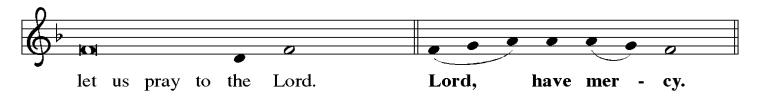


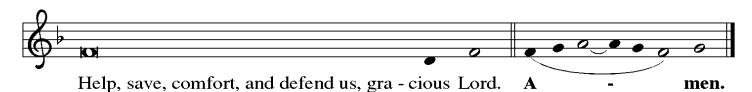
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,





PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

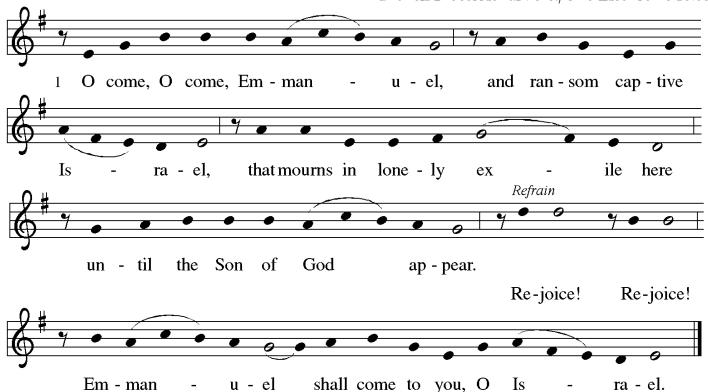
¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word lives among us. We hear the Word.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

O Come, O Come Emanuel

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Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from Thessalonians.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 21st chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

signs: stop, go, slow down

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

let your hearts be light

HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing his hand the bod - y Lord of lords in hu - man and the blood. ves - ture, in the realms of end - less day, the Light of light, de - scend-ing from veil their fac - es to pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry: the



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH

Arron, Elyse, Quentin, and Walker Kinard and Sharon Keefe, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *I renounce them.*

APOSTLES' CREED

Arron, Elyse, Quentin, Walker, Sharon and this community, I ask you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Arron, Elyse, Quentin, Walker, and Sharon, be reminded that you are a child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Let us welcome Arron, Elyse, Quentin, Walker, Sharon into this community of faith.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen

We give thanks to God.

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.

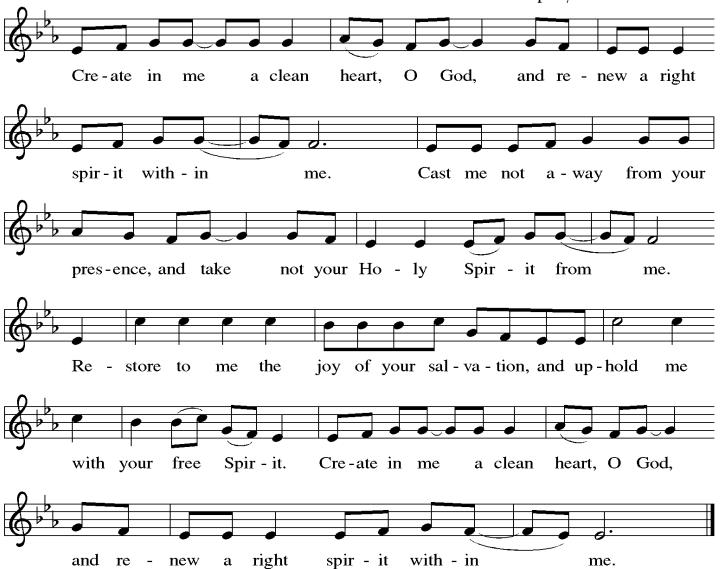
OFFERING

Even So Come
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OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. 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.*

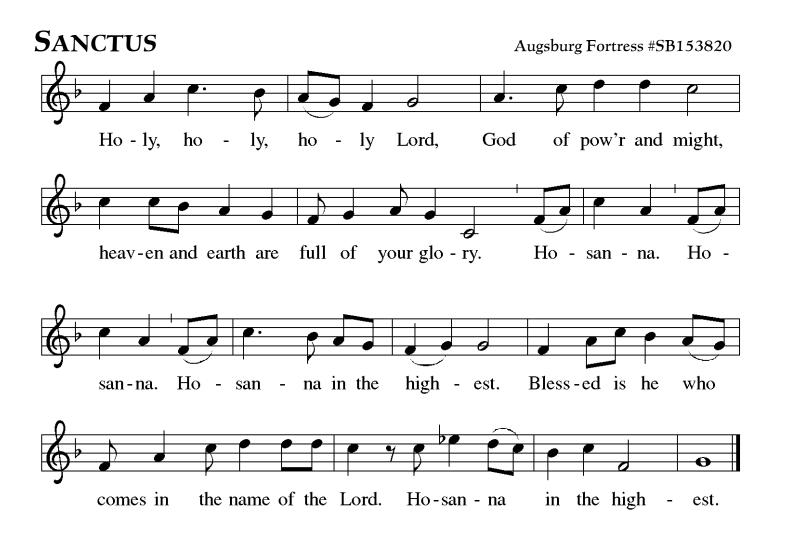
Lift up your hearts.

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

Holy One the beginning and the end, the giver of life; Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for the promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus the Word made flesh.

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

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Communion assistants come forward.

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 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

Come to the Table
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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.

Most High God,

you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

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 for whom we wait. Amen.

HYMN

Go Tell It on the

Mountain

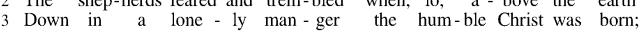


Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;





- While shep-herds kept their watch-ing
- o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth





be - hold, through-out the heav-ens rang out the an - gel cho-rus and God sent sal - va - tion us

there shone a ho - ly light. that hailed our Sav - ior's birth. that bless-ed Christ-mas morn. As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway

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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.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our grandchildren Bella, Easton and Abram Kaylor and Abram's birthday this Sunday, and Bella's birthday on 11/29. Love Grandpa and Jen-Jen Price.

Annual Congregational Meeting Results

The 2022 Mission Plan was approved and Frankie Jackson, Jeff Price, Joel Price, Sr., Laura Stevens, and Joshua Koon. The entire Council will be installed on Sunday, December 19^{th.}



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT DINNER!

It's time to start placing your reservations for the Christmas Candlelight Dinner with Matthew Dickerson. Dinner will

take place at
6:00pm on
Saturday
December 18th.
Sign-up sheets can
found in the
breezeway.



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Food Pantry

During the month of December, we will continue collecting food for Christmas Bags for our Food Pantry patrons. Please donate what you can. Drop your donations in the plastic container in the

office foyer. Monetary donations are also appreciated.







You are Invited to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child



Ways to Help:

- Buy gifts for a child on the Angel Tree
- Donate items for the Free Garage Sale
- Help sort donated items (Tables will be set up by Sunday, Nov. 28 for sorting)
- Volunteer at the Free Garage Sale (Friday, December 3 9:00 – 1:00)
- Please let Diane Boulware know if you can help!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

10/21/2021

Live Stream Worship 62 + In-person 94 = 156

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,992.07
Building Improvement	Received	\$150.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$3,270.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Sarah Geddings by Parker & Diane Boulware

Thank you for welcoming Watson as a baptized member of the church! We really enjoyed the service today and loved seeing everyone again. Thomas & Danni Martin

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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 Rev. Everette Price, home June Roof, Rapha Tom Roof, home Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Clifton Addy Iames Hallman Angie Hydrick Frankie Jackson Jimmy Maddox Jerry Price III **Jane Sexton** Jean Shealy Linda Waters-Hamilton Cyndi Thurman Gene Schofield

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 Robert Lindler, father of Cassie Swygert 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 Iessica 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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Serving December 5th

Greeter: Open Mary Price

Crucifer: Tanner Addy Jackson Price Acolytes: Sydney Bucknam Spencer Price Lector: Diane Boulware Joel Price, Sr.

Communion Asst.

Jennifer Miller Joel Price, Sr. Marion Leaphart Terry Swygert

Serving in November

Council Representative: Mike Rawl

Altar Guild: Diane Boulware and Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators: Ann Addy and Mary Frances Sease

Ushers: *call the church office

Serving in December

Council Representative: Allison Swygert

Altar Guild: Diane Boulware and Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators: Diane Boulware and Ann Bouknight

Ushers: *call the church office

^{*} 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, December 5th (2nd Advent Sunday)

9:00 am Worship: (Baptism)

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School

7:00 pm Advent Cantata

Monday, December 6th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Worship and Music

Tuesday, December 7th

6:00 pm CR Reserved: Michelle Gantt

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 8th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann and Fran Bouknight)

12:00 pm OneBody in Christ (meal and \$5 gift exchange)

Thursday, December 9th

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Terry and Allison Swygert, Laura Carroll)



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 28th (1st Advent Sunday)

9:00 am Worship: In-person and Live Streaming

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Advent Worship

Monday, November 29th

6:00 pm Team for Ministry

Tuesday, November 30th

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm CR Reserved: Michelle Gantt

Wednesday, December 1st

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)

Thursday, December 2nd

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 3rd

7:30 am Free Garage Sale

Saturday, December 4th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)

3:00 pm Cantata Dress Rehearsal