

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



OCTOBER 18, 2020

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!

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Song for a Friend

Kevin McKee

Usage approved by Kevin McKee(member of ASCAP)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Down to the River to Pray

Mark Hayes

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

***We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.***

***We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.***

***We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.***

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

***Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you***

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. ***Amen.***

HYMN

All Are Welcome

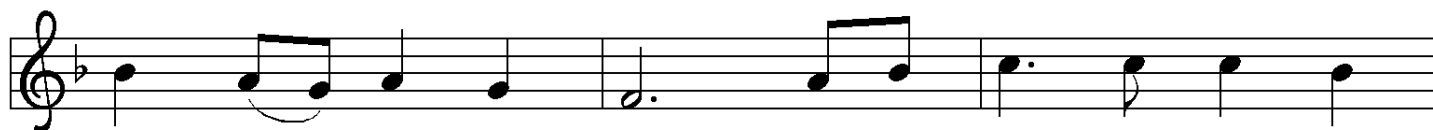
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



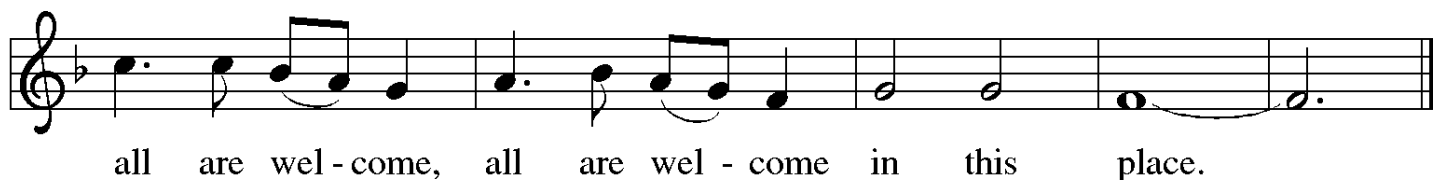
hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



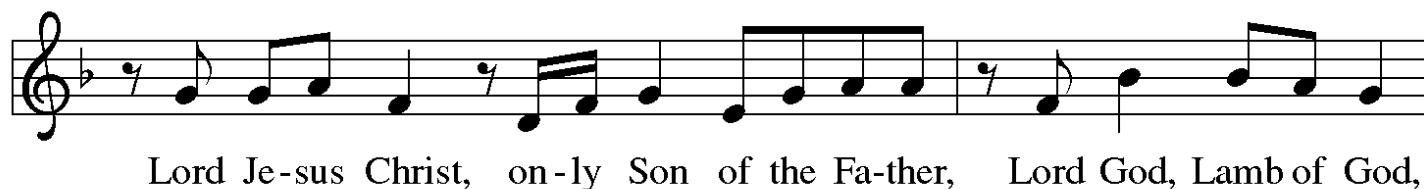
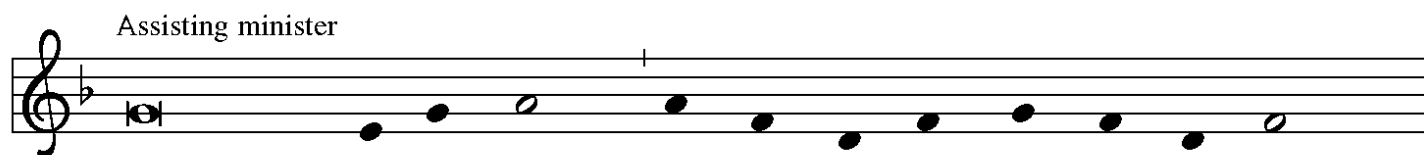
GREETING

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

And also with you.

GLORIA

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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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Good, Good Father

Barrett/Brown

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READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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.

SERMON

"Ouch"

HYMN

Glorify Thy Name

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B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat F F²_{sus} F B \flat ² B \flat



1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2. Je - sus...
3. Spir - it...

5 E \flat B \flat /F Cm⁷/G F^{sus} F E \flat ²/G F/A B \flat B \flat /D



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy

10 E \flat D⁷ C/E D⁷/F \sharp Gm Gm/F



name, glo - ri - fy Thy name,

13 E \flat F⁷ E \flat /G F⁷ E \flat /F F⁷ B \flat ^{sus} B \flat



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with 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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

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

The Prayers conclude:

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Let All the World Rejoice Joseph M. Martin

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Lord Be Glorified


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D A/C# Bm F#m Em A^{sus} A C A^{7sus} A⁷



1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4. In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

5 D A/C# Bm F#m Em⁷ A^{7sus} A⁷ G/A D



In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.

Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

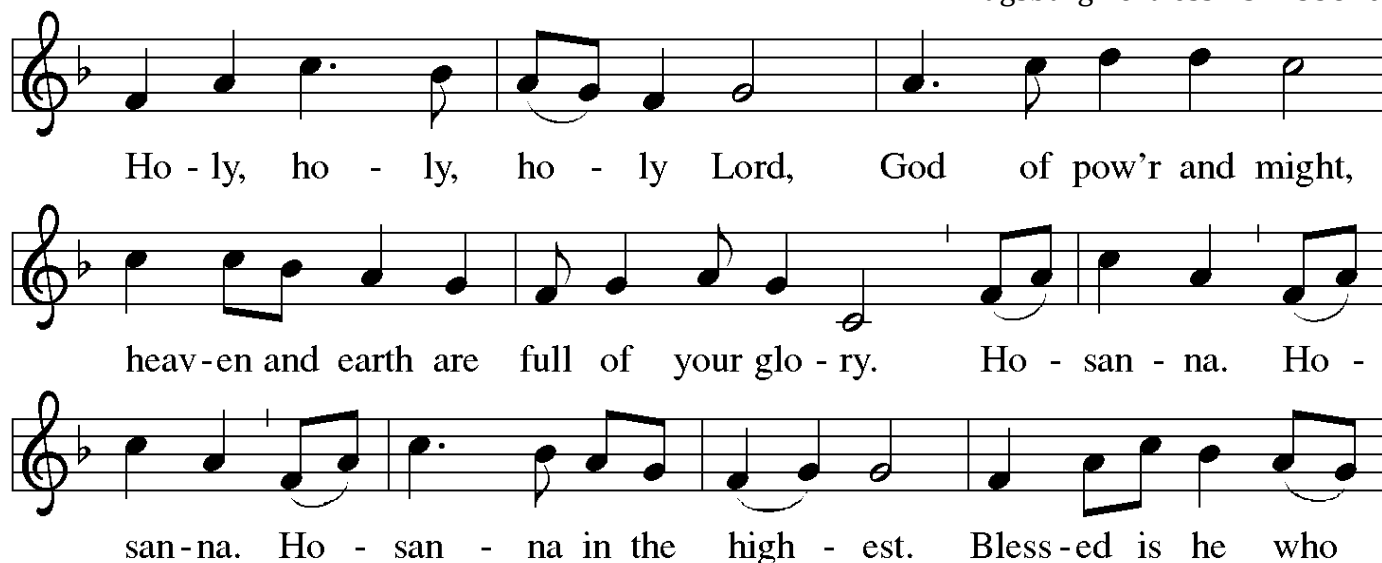
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

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

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***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 the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:30-12:00.

MUSIC

Brother James' Air

Bain/Dale Wood

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THE SENDING

BLESSING

There is no place where God does not live.
There is no moment when God has, is, and will not be present.
There is no time that God does not love you.
May you go now into the world knowing God † is right by your side. *Amen.*

HYMN

Sing A New Song


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Refrain



Sing a new song un-to the Lord; let your song be sung from
moun-tains high. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, sing-ing

Verses



al - le - lu - ia.

1. Yah-weh's peo - ple dance for joy.
2. Rise, O chil-dren, from your sleep;
3. Glad my soul for I have seen



1. O come be - fore the Lord. And play for him on
2. your Sav - ior now has come. He has turned your
3. the glo - ry of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

to Refrain



1. glad tam-bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
2. sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
3. dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wade In the Water Arr. Stephen DeCesare

Permission to live stream from the composer, Stephen DeCesare 10/2020

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Aura, on her 2nd Birthday on October 17th by Terry & Allison Swygert.

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Dear Mt. Hermon Family,
It's hard to express how much your
prayers, texts, cards, phone calls
and visits have meant to us. I
honestly don't know how you get
through a time like this without
Church "Family". Pastor Gina's and

Ronnie Fulmer's advise and guidance, I thank you. Dad loved his church and we do too. You are all so special.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as the days are not easy. I know where Dad is, but he is not here to care for which is hard to get over.

I thank you for the wonderful meal provided by the Church Family. It was delicious & enjoyed by all of us during this tough time. The flower is beautiful. I think of you as I enjoy it.

Thank you,

Kathy Whitaker and the Crout family

Communion Distribution and Blessings

1st and 3rd Sunday
10:30 am to noon

Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.



Sunday School

on Zoom
2nd & 4th Sundays
10:30 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorgina@WeAreMtHermon.com



Evening devotions 6:35 pm

Join the FaceBook
community
for a time of
daily reflection.

Pastor Gina



Live Streaming and Recording of worship



If you would like to contribute to this ministry,
mark your check or envelope
"LiveStreaming Ministry"

***A special "Thank You" to
everyone who has continued to
serve in the "LiveStreaming
Ministry".***



Reformation Sunday will be on October 25. We will celebrate Martin Luther's boldness in calling the church to match it's practices with Holy Scriptures.

All Saints' Sunday will be on November 1st. We will be remembering those who have entered into the Church Triumphant.



Annual Meeting

November 1, 2020 there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of nominating 4 council members and 1 youth member. The meeting will be held in the church parking lot. We will be using a FM transmitter. You will be able to tune to a particular channel on your radio and hear the entire meeting. Please plan to attend this very important meeting as well as the Annual Meeting on November 15th. This meeting will also be in the church parking lot.



**Thank you to
the Worship
Team for
leading the
congregation
each week!**

Photo taken on
September 27th
after three (3)
services were
recorded

Pictured (L-R) Bottom Row: Regan Anthony, Daryl Leigh Anthony, Ruthie Brannen, Pastor Gina, Breanna Metze, Sheila Starkey and Matt Hansen.

Pictured (L-R) Top Row: Wynne Price, Cam Blakely, Belle Kneece, Noah Causey, Joel Price and Ryan Price.

Tithes, and Offering for 10/11/2020
Live Stream Worship – 126+
Sunday School via Zoom – 22

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,670.90
Building Improvement	Received	\$190.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,515.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$79.27
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,112.54

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Lynwood Crout by Alberta Berry, Carol & Ken Hoppens, Wayne & Cheryl Backes, Annette Price, Jeff & Alyson Price, Gene & Jane Sexton, Lynn Bouknight

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!



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MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Patricia Bachman, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	Margie Hook, <i>home</i>
Alberta Berry, <i>home</i>	Rev. Everette Price, <i>home</i>
Hazel Bockus, <i>Carolina Gardens</i>	June Roof, <i>Rapha</i>
Nell Buff, <i>home</i>	Tom Roof, <i>home</i>
Lila Catt, <i>home</i>	Lois Watson, <i>Lexington Place</i>
Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i>	

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bryce Addy	Becky Koon	Gene Schofield
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Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*
Clara Shultz, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Debbie Smith & family, *niece of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Sarah Hiltz, *granddaughter of Buddy & Angie Hydrick*
Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Richard Lindler, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 25th Reformation Sunday

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

Wednesday, October 28th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Ann Bouknight & Annette Price)

Friday, October 30th

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, October 31st

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Koon Family)





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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Ronnie Fulmer, <i>President</i>	Marion Leaphart, <i>Vice President</i>
Robin Ellisor, <i>Secretary</i>	Parker Boulware, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 18th 20th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am - 12:00 Drive-In Communion (***please note time change***)

Monday, October 19th

6:00 pm Outreach Team Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Mary Frances Sease)

Friday, October 23rd

12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, October 24th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)



Pastor Gina will be out of the office
Pastor Convocation
Monday, October 19th - Wednesday, October 21st