



NOVEMBER 29, 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.
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

*Now Thank We All Our God
Let All Things Now Living*
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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

Comfort, Comfort These My People
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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be God, Father, **†** Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
***we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.***

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,
✠ comforted by Christ's peace,
and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Name Above All Names

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E \flat Cm 7 Fm 7

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,
 2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,
 3. Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove all kings,

6 Fm 7 /B \flat Fm 7 /A \flat Gm 7 A \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat 2

glo - ri - ous Lord. _____ Em - man - u - el, God _ is
 Son _ of God. _____ Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful
 God's on - ly Son. _____ The Prince of Peace, who by his

11 Cm 7 F 7 sus Fm 7 Fm 7 /B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat

with _ us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. _____
 Coun - se - lor, Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world. _____
 Spir - it comes to live in _ us, Mas - ter and Friend. _____

GREETING

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

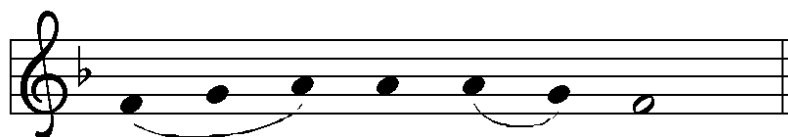
And also with you.

KYRIE

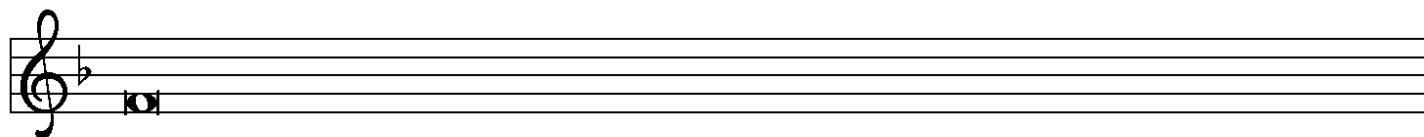
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

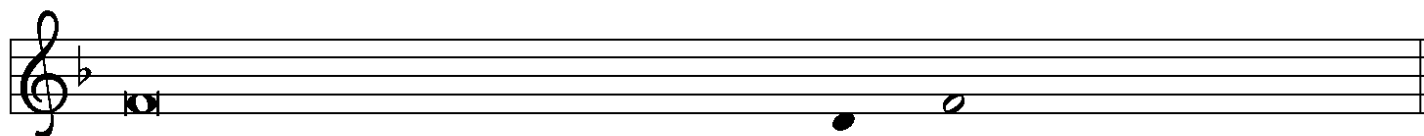
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



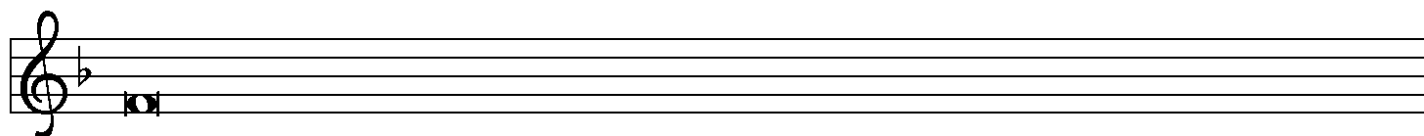
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



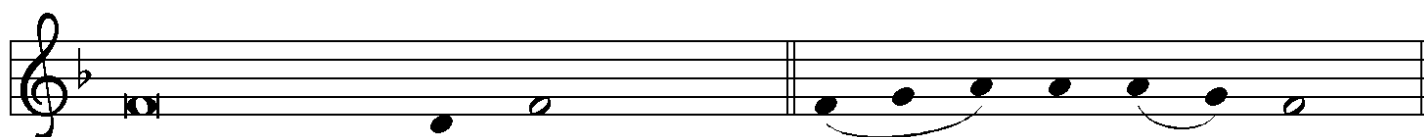
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

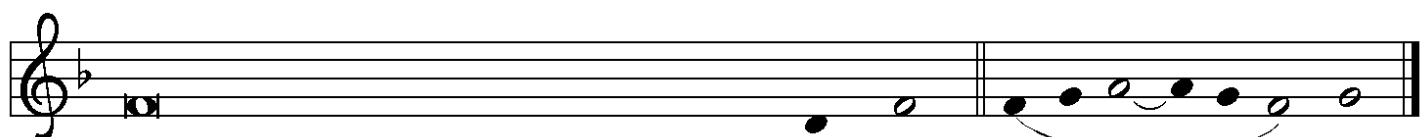


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Read responsively.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

***²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and
Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help
us.***

³Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we
shall be saved.

***⁴O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people
pray?***

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

***⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.***

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

***17Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.***

***18And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.***

***19Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.***

READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ***5***for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—***6***just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—***7***so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***8***He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***9***God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

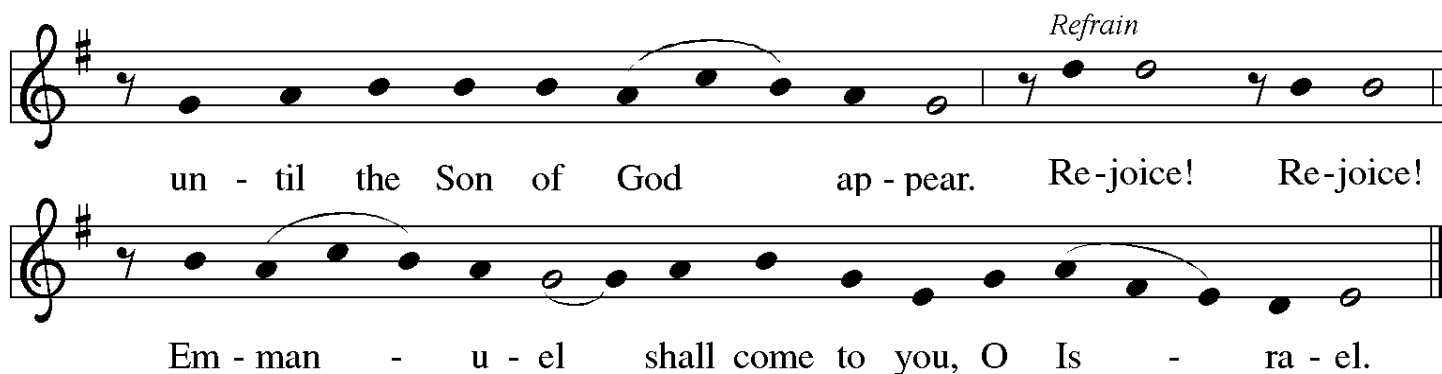
We stand.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at

cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

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

Keep Alert

We stand.

HYMN

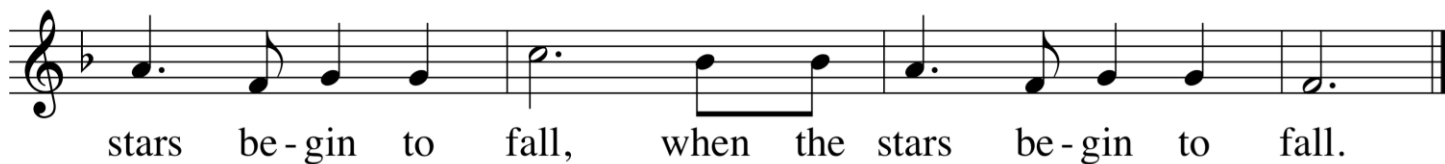
My Lord, What a Morning

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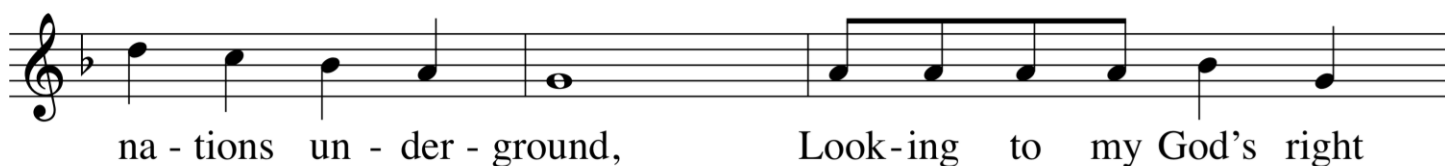
Refrain

My Lord, what a morn - ing! My Lord, what a
morn-ing! O my Lord, what a morn - ing when the

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Verses



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

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

After each petition:

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

The Prayers conclude:

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, 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

Thankful

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel

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C/E F F/E Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B^b A⁷ A⁷/C[#]



Em - man - u - el, _____ Em - man - u - el, _____ His name is

6 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C E⁷ F F/E



called _____ Em - man - u - el: _____ God with us, _____

11 Dm⁷ G⁷ C Gm⁶/B^b A⁷ A⁷/C[#]



_____ re - vealed in us! _____ His name is

14 Dm Dm/C G⁷/B G C



called _____ Em - man - u - el.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Generous God,

you have created all that is,

and you provide for us in every season.

***Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts
the world will receive your blessing. In the name of
Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. 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.

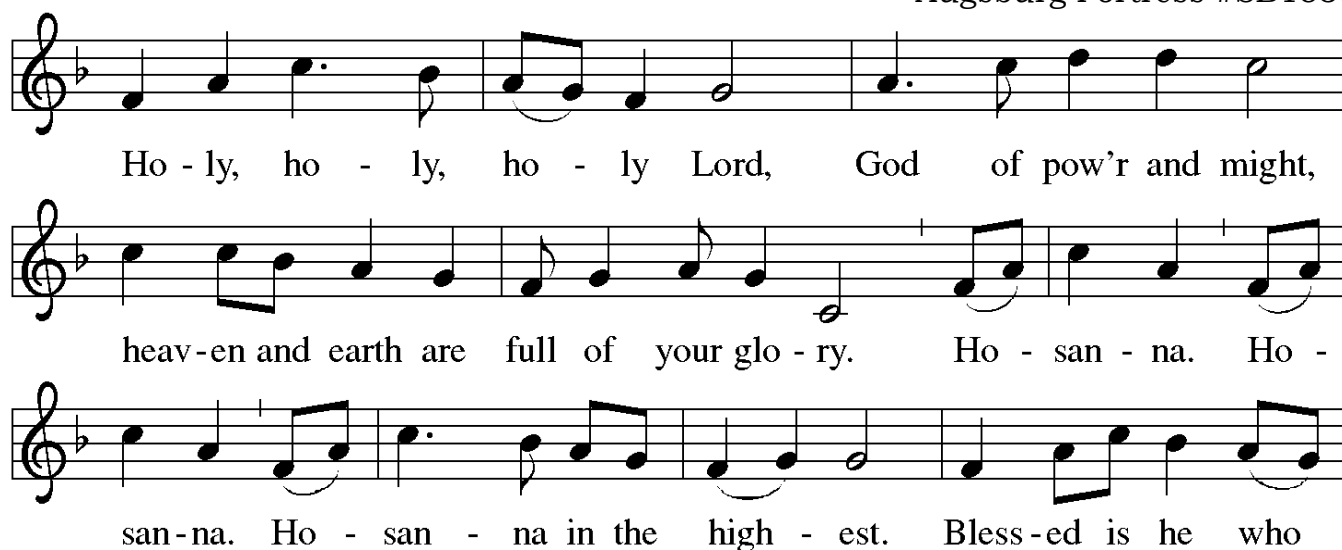
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; 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:

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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



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.

December 6th next Drive-In Communion from 10:30-12:00. You are invited to call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.

MUSIC

What Feast of Love

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Verse 1

What feast of love is offered here, What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Verse 2

What light of truth is offered here, What covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The Sun come down from heaven.
O see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

Verse 3

What wine of love is offered here, What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, The sweetest wine of heaven.
O taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
✝ now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

King of Kings

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1* Em B7 Em

King of kings and Lord of — lords, — glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

3 B7 Em II

King of kings and Lord of — lords, — glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, —

6 B7 Em B7 Em

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, — glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'King of Kings' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1-2, the second staff contains measures 3-4, and the third staff contains measures 5-6. Chord symbols (Em, B7, I*) are placed above the staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

DISMISSAL

We are God's people on a mission.

***We have gathered. We have been fed. We are now sent
from worship to make a difference in the world.***

POSTLUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ryan & Jennifer Price and Cyndi Thurman.

In honor of our grandchildren, Bella, Easton and Abram Kaylor. And Abram's 4th birthday yesterday and Bella's 9th birthday today. Love, Grandpa, Jen-Jen and Uncle Jerry.

In honor of Dennis Thurman's birthday on November 24th. Love, Cyndi, Denise and Mackenzie.



In lieu of purchasing poinsettias this year, the Worship and Music Team will sponsor a Christmas bulletin. The dedication bulletin is a way to honor or remember a loved one. These funds will support Mt. Hermon Funds for the Arts. Along with your check/cash, please include "in honor of/in memory of" and who the dedication is given by. Please mail or drop your information by the church by **Sunday, December 13th** to be included in the Christmas bulletins on December 20th and Christmas Eve.

Dear Mt. Hermon Family,
I want to thank you for your prayers, notes, and texts during my surgery. I'm on the road to recovery and appreciate your prayers.

Thanks!
Bryce Addy



You are invited to help others this Christmas
Free Garage Sale

Friday, December 4th



Due to COVID 19 and social distancing restrictions, this year's garage sale will be different. **COATS** are the only clothing item we will accept this year. Items needed in good condition are: toys, linens, baby items, pots, pans, dishes, tools, lamps, bikes, furniture, jewelry, decorations, etc.

- Drop off items by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.
- Help sort donated items - Tables are set up in the Fellowship Hall and labeled to assist with sorting.
- Volunteer to help Friday, December 4th 9:00 am – 1:00pm.

When dropping off items, please use the sign in sheet in the Church office, then enter the Fellowship Hall through the glass doors to drop off items.

**Any clothes already at the church will be donated to other local charities such as: Mission Lexington, Salvation Army, Local Schools' Clothes Closets.*

Please let Diane Boulware know if you have questions or need assistance.

The Angel Tree

Go to www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on the link. Choose a child (i.e. 3A). Call or email Diane Boulware at MtHOutreach@gmail.com or call the church office. You will receive a confirmation regarding your child.

*You may also make monetary donations to:
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church – memo line: Angel Tree.*





Please note that we will not have the **Christmas Card Mailbox** at church this year. Please continue to share the love of Jesus and send your Christmas cards directly to the persons whom you would have dropped off at church. We certainly hope that next year is a time to return to normal.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 20

3:00

In-person and livestreamed

Please call the church office to reserve your family space for this special Happy Birthday Jesus party!



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



Tithes, and Offering for 11/22/2020
Live Stream Worship – n/a
In-person Worship/Communion – n/a
Sunday School via Zoom - 11

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,599.50
Building Improvement	Received	\$325.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$600.00
Live Streaming This Week		\$200.00
Live Streaming Total Rec'd		\$6,691.85

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Connie Bucknam by Kairos Sunday School Class

In memory of Glenn Smith by Jeff & Alyson Price, Karen Nicholson

In memory of Tommy Roof by Jeff & Alyson Price, Karen Nicholson

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 ...

Continual Prayers

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

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Jane Sexton	Jo Leach
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Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

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*
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*
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*
Robert Lindler, *father of Cassie Swygert*
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 Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Ted Franklin, *cousin of Cyndi Leaphart*
Kathy Brown, *friend of congregation*
Donnie Shumpert, *brother-in-law of Andrea Bowers & Jan Schofield*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, December 6th Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 – 12:00 Drive-in Communion
3:00 pm Confirmation (Students)

Monday, December 7th

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, December 8th

6:00 pm Executive Committee Meets via Zoom

Wednesday, December 9th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick & Doris Maddox)

Thursday, December 10th

6:00 pm Health & Safety Task Force Meeting via Zoom

Friday, December 11th

12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, December 12th

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



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Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rev. Gina D. Metze, <i>Pastor</i>	803.951.3784	<i>PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com</i>
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Matt Hansen, <i>Seminarian</i>		<i>Matthew.Hansen@my.lr.edu</i>

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, November 29th First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

Wednesday, December 2nd
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Mary Frances Sease)
6:35 pm Advent Service

Friday, December 4th
Free Garage Sale

Saturday, December 5th
9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Mike Rawl & Laura Stevens)