# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



JANUARY 09, 2022

# **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

The Water is Wide

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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** 

This Is My Beloved Son

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# THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. *Amen.* 

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.* 

#### **HYMN**

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

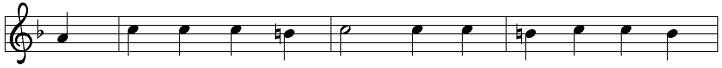
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- 1 Hail to the Lord's a noint ed, great Da vid's great er Son!
- 2 You come with res cue speed y to those who suf fer wrong,
- 3 You shall come down like show ers up on the fruit ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be fore you, and gold and in cense bring;



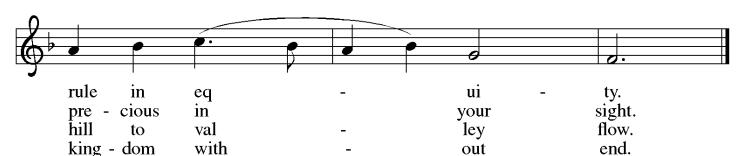
Hail, the time ap - point - ed, your in reign on earth be - gun! poor and help the need у, and bid the weak be strong; to joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring love. in your path to birth. all na - tions shall a - dore praise all you, your peo - ple sing.



op - pres - sion, You come break cap - tive to to set the sigh - ing, songs their give them dark - ness turn to for to Be fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald. To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly VOWS as -

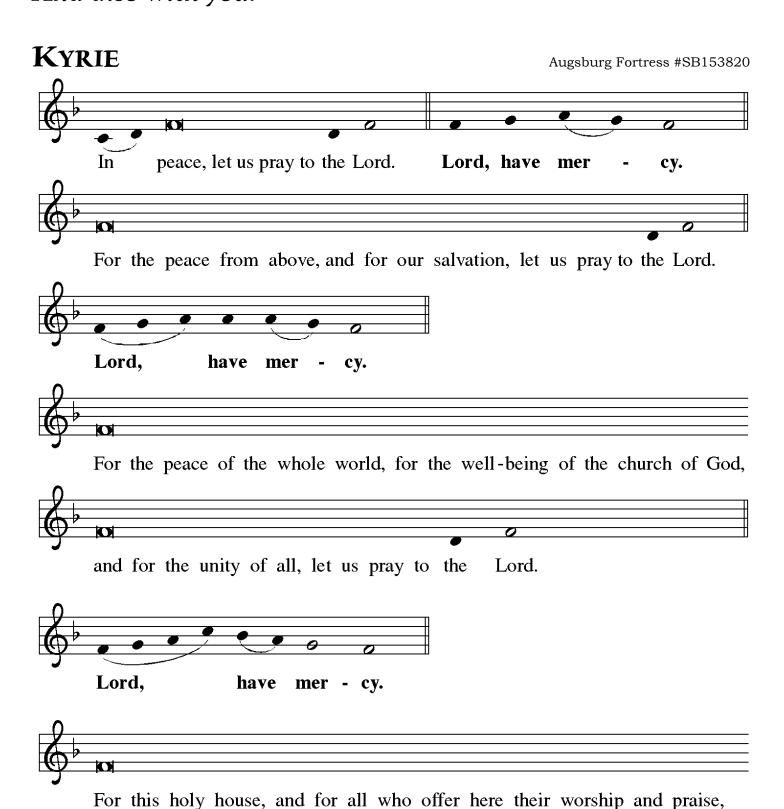


take free, to a - way trans gres sion and light, whose souls, con - demned and dy ing, are righ - teous - ness and in foun go; tains from cend; king - dom still in your creas ing, a

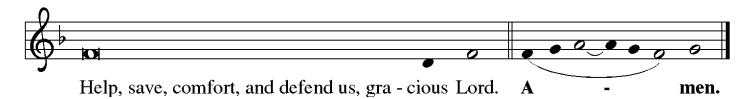


## **GREETING**

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





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



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

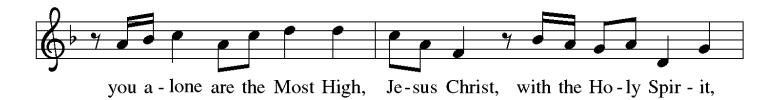




you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer.







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. We sit.

## THE WORD

## READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

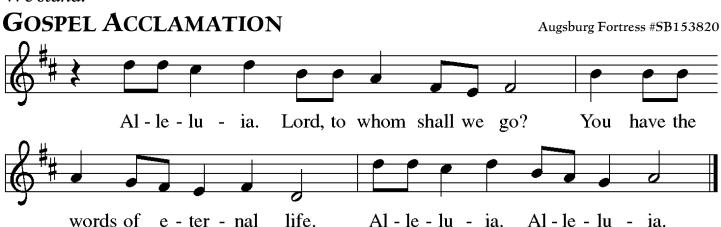
#### Acts 8:14-17

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.
<sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

We stand.



# GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful

than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

We sit.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** 

another baptism today

#### 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** 

when all the people were baptized ...

## HYMN

## Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

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- Dear est Je we here, glad ly your sus, are com -Your com - mand is clear and plain, and we would 0 -
- 3 There-fore we have come to you, in our arms this
- shep -Gra - cious head, your mem - ber own; herd, take your Now in - to from your heart pour prayers that our we



mand o - bey - ing. bey it du - ly: in - fant bear - ing; lamb and feed it; hearts pro - ceed - ed.

With this child we now draw near "You must all be born a gain, here tru - ly your grace view; we prince of peace, make here vour throne: pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward Our soar:



that it in re - sponse to your own ing to you say and life re - new - ing born of heart tru ly, wa ter this child, your mer - cy shar ing, in your arms may be way of life, to heav - en lead it; pre cious vine, let our heart's de - sires be heed ed! Write the name may we



child shall and heir of be giv - en heav as a en. Spir - it, and the and king - dom thus in her it." my earth and yours shield-ed ev - er, yours for - ev on er. noth - ing sev - er from your side this branch for - ev er. now have giv - en; write it in the book of heav en!

# HOLY BAPTISM

We sit.

#### **PRESENTATION**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents: We present CJ for Holy Baptism.

and work for justice and peace.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in him hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made,

Do you promise to help CJ grow in the Christian faith and life? *Parents:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support CJ and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.** 

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you, the baptized and this community of faith 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? **We renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

We renounce them.

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

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.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through

Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen*.

#### **BAPTISM**

Christopher Jameson Threatt, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Christopher Jameson Threatt, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

We pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain CJ with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.* 

Christopher Jameson Threatt, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. *Amen.* 

#### WELCOME

CJ is presented a baptismal candle.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life." Matthew 5:16

We welcome CJ.

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.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

After each petition: God of grace, hear our prayer.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. *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.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

**OFFERING** 

Carol of the Baptism
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#### **OFFERTORY**

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Capers/One License #61068



#### OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together. Gracious God.

your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

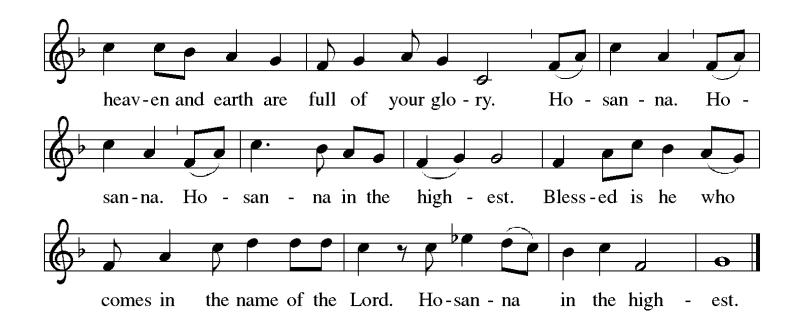
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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**

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

#### **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 or grape juice 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** 

Son of God Arr. Hayes/One License MR 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 thank you,
wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. 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, the Word made flesh. *Amen.* 

#### HYMN

## Baptized and Set Free

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As the cross passes your pew, please turn, and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

#### SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** 

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our daughter Rebekah Swygert Boatwright's Birthday on January 11th, by Mom and Dad.



## **OneBody in Christ**

Beginning January 12<sup>th</sup> on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. This 30-minute worship service will include Word and Holy Communion. If someone would like to coordinate food (covered dish meals), please contact Pastor Gina.



Altar Flowers Would you like to honor someone with flowers this year? The flower calendar sign-up sheet is now available in the lobby near the church office. You may also email Office@wearemthermon.com or call the office at 803 794 6430 with your requested date and information.

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## 1/02/2022 Live Stream Worship 62 + In-person 64 = 126

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$15,322.90
Building Improvement	Received	\$4,890.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,030.08

## Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Rev. Everett Price by Rodney Oswald, Kay Little, Epting's Landing, Roy Bowers and Kathy & Celeste, Catherine & Jim Hodge, Barr-Price Funeral Homes, Rev. Arden & Jean Hallman, Mrs. Wilma P. Austin, Carol Livingston, Ernie & Lib Neumeister, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ritter, Jeff & Alyson Price, Ann Bouknight, Debbie & Ronnie Fulmer, Cindy & Joel Price, Barbara Corley, Mary Frances & Earl, Terry Spencer.

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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 June Roof, Rapha

Tom Roof, home

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

#### Members in Special Need of Prayer

Clifton Addy James Hallman Becky Ellisor Angie Hydrick Jean Shealy Jimmy Maddox Jerry Price III Jane Sexton

Cyndi Thurman Linda Waters-Hamilton

#### 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

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

Don Freeman, friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jessica 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

Charlie & Henry King, grandsons of Francis & Joanne Eargle

David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert

Michelle Gross, friend of Regan Anthony

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Grayson Crout, friend of Sheila Starkey

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today\* Serving Next Sunday

Greeter: Mary Price Mary Price

Crucifer: Josh Koon Lawson Morris Acolytes: Sam Koon Brayden Morris

Lector: Danny Scott Devona Price

Communion Asst. Marion Leaphart Ronnie Fulmer

Joel Price, Sr. Frankie Jackson

## Serving in January

Council Representative: Sheila Eargle

Altar Guild: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick Tabulators: Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

\* 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.





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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

Joel Price, Sr., President Sheila Eargle, Secretary Annette Price, Financial Secretary Blake Allen, Vice President Parker Boulware, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

#### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 9th

9:00 am Worship (Baptism)

10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes

10:30 am Sunday School

2:00 pm FH: SC Lutheran Men

#### Monday, January 10th

10:00 am Staff Meeting

1:00 pm CR: Dot Mathias

6:30 pm Lutheran Men Meeting: "Men and Women meeting"

(EVERYONE IS INVITED: MEAL INCLUDED)

guest speaker: Wayne Kannaday

#### Tuesday, January 11th

6:00 pm CR: Michelle Gantt

## Wednesday, January 12th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Annette Price, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm One Body in Christ

6:00 pm Study: We Believe

#### Thursday, January 13th

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

## Friday – Saturday Council Retreat, Camp Kinard

#### Saturday, January 15th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight and Karen Nicholson)