

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



JANUARY 10, 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.
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

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor
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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

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.
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

Shine Jesus Shine

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1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on _ us, set us free by the
 -to Your rad - i-ance; By the blood I may en - ter Your bright-ness, search me, try me, con -
 -play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang -ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir -rored here may our



truth You now bring _ us. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _
 -sume all my dark - ness. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _
 lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on _ me, _ shine on _



me. _ Shine, Je - sus, shine, _ fill this land with the
 me. _
 me. _



Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, _ set our hearts on



grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, _ Lord, and let there be



fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, _ flood the na - tions with



grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, _ Lord, and let there be

INSTRUMENTAL

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1, 2.

E/A D/A

3.

E/A D/A

ENDING

A D/A

A



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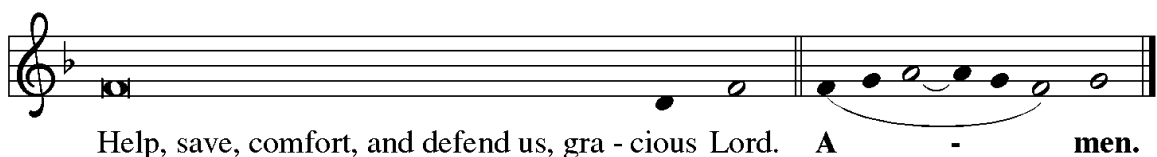
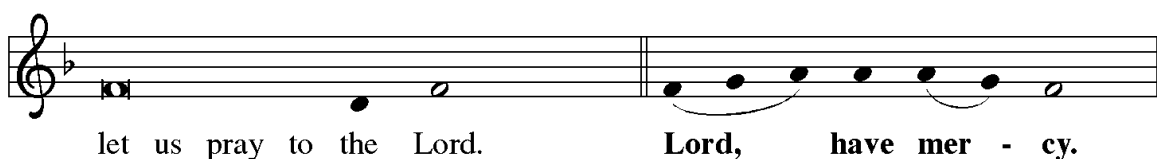
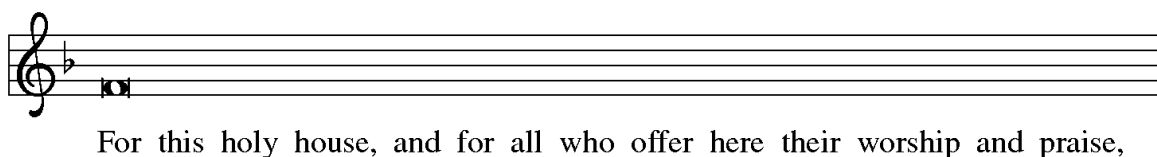
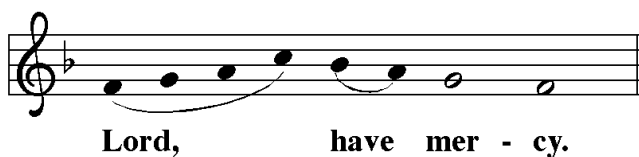
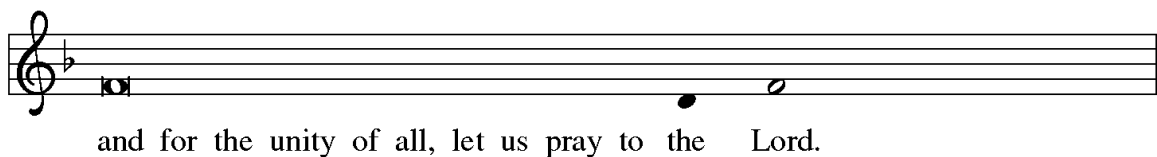
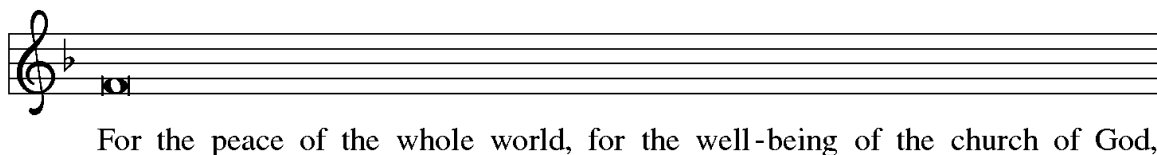
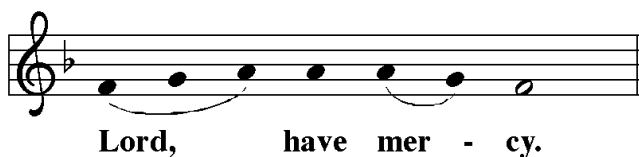
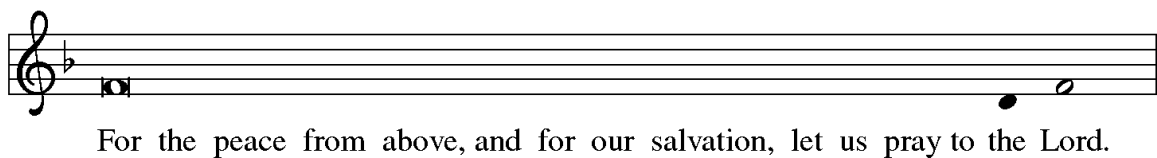
GREETING

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.

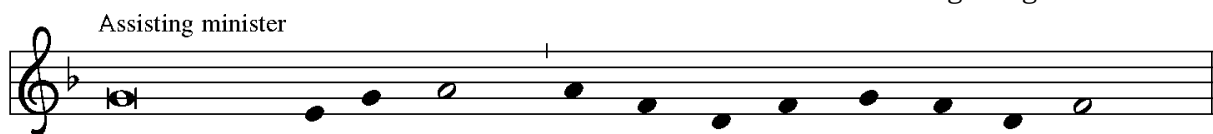
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GLORIA

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



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



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.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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: Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Read responsively.

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

***²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.***

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

***⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.***

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**⁶*the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***

⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**⁸*The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***

⁹The 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!”

**¹⁰*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.***

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

READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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: Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And 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

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

Water

We stand.

HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

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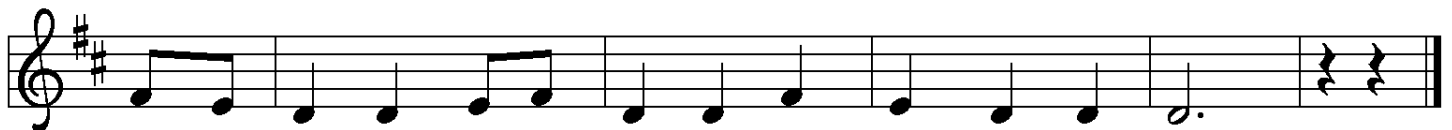
1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition:

Let us pray. ***Have mercy, O God.***

The Prayers conclude:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***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.

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We stand.


OFFERTORY

Jesus Name Above All Names


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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,



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



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. _____

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

**O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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...

Let us 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

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine.
Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

Drive-In Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:30-12:00. You are invited to call the church office and schedule an additional time to receive communion.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
Amen.

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed. Now, we are sent to make a difference in the world. Amen.

We sit. We are dismissed beginning from the rear by the ushers. Please continue to distance yourselves as you exit the sanctuary.

POSTLUDE *Fugue on All Christians Who Have Been Baptized*
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rebekah's 28th birthday by Terry & Allison Swygert.

2021 Altar Flowers

Sign-up board is in the office hallway. You can sign-up when in the church or by calling the church.



Dear Mt. Hermon,
Thank you for your thoughts and prayers through Mike's illnesses, and through this difficult time. Thank you for the beautiful peace lily. Please continue to keep his family in your prayers.

The family of Mike Watford

Tithes, and Offering for 01/03/2021
Live Stream Worship – 92
In-person Worship/Communion – 21
Drive-In Communion – 54

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,005.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$105.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$395.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Mike Watford by Terry & Allison Swygert, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Karen Nicholson, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Suzie Wattenbarger

In memory of Lois Watson by Terry & Allison Swygert, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Pine Ridge Middle School

In memory of Doris Marsh, Jimmy Bouknight, Freddie Fulmer, Lynwood Crout and Jimmy Mills by Suzie Wattenbarger

In loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Marion Mathias and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Rogers by their daughter Julia and her husband Marty Hook

In loving memory of Mrs. Cecile Wingard, Mrs. Margie Steele, and Mrs. Bobbie Bouknight by Julia Rogers Hook

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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Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving* **<http://www.WeAreMtHermon.com/online-giving.html>**

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

In the hospital Marvin Mathias, *Prisma Baptist*

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>	Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i>
Margie Hook, <i>home</i>	

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Buddy Hydrick	Jo Leach	Jane Sexton
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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 Hodgin, *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*
Jim Maddox, *son of Doris Maddox*
Melinda Ruff, *friend of Gene & Jan Schofield*
Tressa Oswalt, *sister of Angie Hydrick*
Sally Ortmann, *friend of Ricky & Lynn Bouknight*
Don Cope, *friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*
The Logan Sharpe family, *teammate/friend of Skyler Miller*
Patricia Barber, *sister of Danny Scott*
*Catherine Ortmann, *friend of Ricky & Fran Bouknight*



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Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, January 10th Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 am Worship – In-person and Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom
3:00 pm Confirmation via Zoom
6:00 pm Council Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, January 13th

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

Friday, January 15th

12:00 pm Bulletins will be in mailboxes

Saturday, January 16th

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight & Karen Nicholson)