

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Disciples  
got  
talent!*

**NOVEMBER 8, 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**

*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

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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**

*We Come as Guests Invited*

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## THE GATHERING

*We stand and face the baptismal font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

***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.*

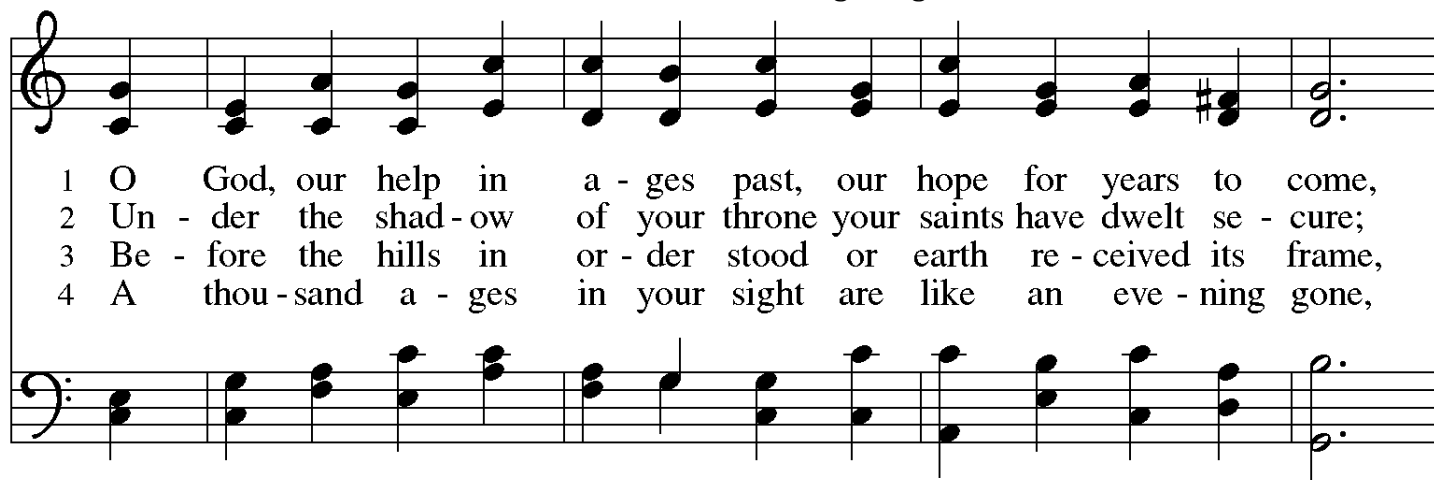
Holy One,  
***we confess that we are not awake for you.  
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
We forget the least of our siblings.  
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
We are infected by sin  
that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.***

Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.  
***Amen.***

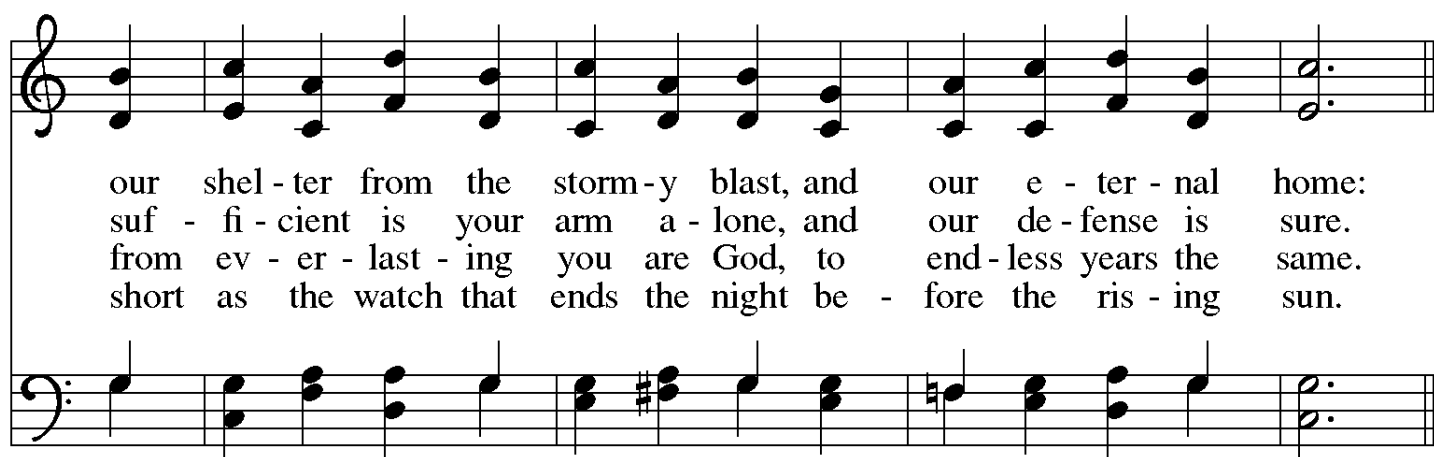
## HYMN

### *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## 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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Assisting minister



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

All



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.*

***O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.***

***Amen.***

*We sit.*

## THE WORD

### READING: Amos 5:18-24

*A reading from Amos.*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

## **READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

*A reading from 1st Thessalonians.*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

*We stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-20**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter*  
***Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done,



good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

*Talents*

*Me*

*Others*

*God*

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## HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*

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- 1 Soon and ver - y soon
- 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
- 3 No more dy - in' there,
- 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon

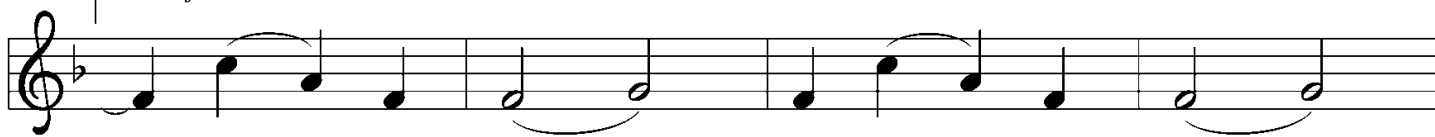


soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there,  
no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
soon and ver - y soon

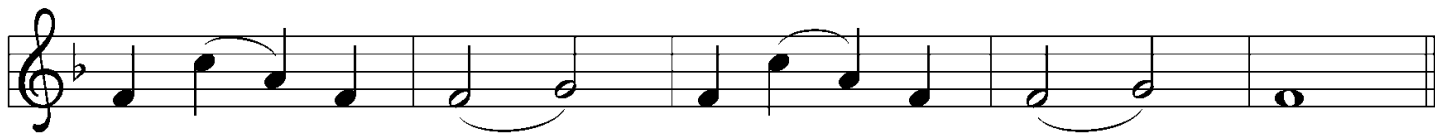


Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## 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**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*The Prayers conclude:*

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

***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](http://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**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

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*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

## *As the Deer*

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### VERSE

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A<sup>7sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup>



1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my soul long - eth af - ter  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven though You — are a  
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly You can — sat - is -

4 D<sup>2sus</sup> D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A



Thee. You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship  
King. I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y -  
-fy. You a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my

### CHORUS

8 D D/C# Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F#



Thee. You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my  
-thing. eye.

12 Em Em<sup>7</sup> F#<sup>sus</sup> F# F#/E D A/C# A



spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

15 Bm D/A G A G/A D



heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.*

***God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
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  
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

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
***Amen.***

# HYMN

## Blessed Assurance

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- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



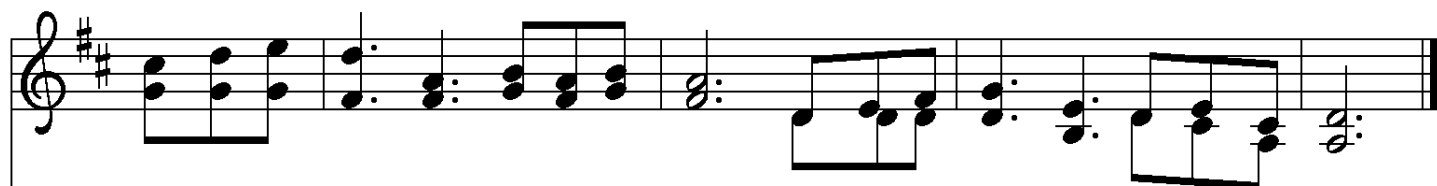
Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



### Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



## DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## POSTLUDE

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* John Behnke  
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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Annette Wilbourne by Ronnie Wilbourne and family.



***Please note: There will not be the Drive-In Communion on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> due to the Annual Congregational Meeting.***





**"Adopt-A-Highway"  
Saturday  
November 21st  
9am**

***"Help us keep the Midlands beautiful"***

- Practice social distancing
- Wear gloves and/or use picker



**Food Pantry  
Thanksgiving Meal**

- Canned Hams
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Brownie/Cookie Mix

*Please consider donating these items for a Thanksgiving Meal for the community. You may also make a monetary donation for this meal!*

**Angel Tree**



**Mt. Hermon will be having the Angel Tree this year.**

**Sign up will be virtual this year**

**To sponsor a child, email the Outreach Team  
[mthoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mthoutreach@gmail.com)  
or the office**

**[Susan@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:Susan@WeAreMtHermon.com) or call the office 803.794.6430**



**MT. HERMON  
"ON THE RADIO"**



**FM 106.1**

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church



**Annual Meeting  
November 15, 2020  
10:30 am**

The meeting will be held in the church parking lot. We will be using a FM transmitter. You will be able to tune to FM 106.1 on your radio and hear the entire meeting. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.



**Tithes, and Offering for 11/01/2020**  
**Live Stream Worship – 134+**  
**In-person Worship/Communion - 45**  
**Drive-In Communion – 23**

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| <b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>   | Received | \$2,034.50 |
| <b>Building Improvement</b>       | Received | \$205.00   |
| <b>Growing on Holy Ground</b>     | Received | \$325.00   |
| <b>Live Streaming This Week</b>   |          | \$0.00     |
| <b>Live Streaming Total Rec'd</b> |          | \$6,441.85 |

**Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)**

In memory of Ernie Swygert and all the saints who passed this year by Terry & Allison Swygert

In loving memory of Connie C. Bucknam, Barbara & Jimmy Mills, George Catt, Arthur & Josephine Bucknam, Ozzie & Carrie Leigh Mills, Ryan & Iva Pearle Price by Tommy & Kelli Mills

In memory of Jimmy Mills & Glenn Smith by Buddy & Angie Hydrick

In memory of Jimmy Mills by Jeff & Alyson Price, Herb Bucknam, Lila Catt

*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 ...

*\*Family of Tommy Roof*

## ***Continual Prayers***

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*

Nell Buff, *home*

Lila Catt, *home*

Margie Hook, *home*

Becky Koon, *home*

Rev. Everette Price, *home*

June Roof, *Rapha*

Tom Roof, *home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

## ***Members in Special Need of Prayer***

Bryce Addy

## ***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 Hodgins, *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*

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*

Ted Franklin, *cousin of Cyndi Leaphart*

Kathy Brown, *friend of congregation*

*\*Donnie Shumpert, brother-in-law of Andrea Bowers & Jan Schofield*





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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, November 8<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

|          |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 9:00 am  | Worship – Live Stream             |
| 10:30 am | Sunday School via Zoom            |
| 3:00 pm  | Confirmation (Parents & Students) |
| 6:00 pm  | Council Meeting via Zoom          |

### Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 11:00 Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)