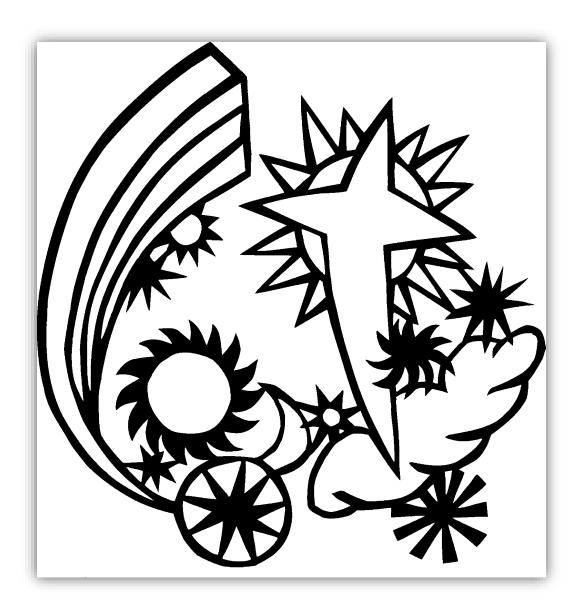
# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, November 17, 2019 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church West Columbia, SC 9:00am Worship

# **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** 

Lord Be Glorified

Hayes

#### 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**.

**PRELUDE** 

My Redeemer is Faithful

Chapman

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

# THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy. *Amen*.

Please turn to face the cross at the doors of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

we come before you, beloved but broken. We have not always treated others as we would want them to treat us. We have not always called out injustice and abuse. We have not always been kind to ourselves. We have not always taken care of the world we share with other living creatures. Remind us of who we are, beloved children bathed in your love. Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, bringing healing to the brokenness around us. Amen.

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are † forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.

#### **HYMN**

# Canticle of the Turning

W&P 26



- My soul cries with a ful shout that the out joy -Though my . . . God, you . . . 2 Ι small, my all, am
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for tress tow'r, not a
- 4 Though the na tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, work great. things in me, stone will be left on stone. mem - ber who holds us fast:

and my spir - it sings of the and your mer - cy will last from the Let the king be - ware for your God's mer - cy must de -



won drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. the depths of the past end of the be. to age to ev - 'rv tice tears ty - rant . . . from his throne. jus con - quer - or's liv. from the crush - ing er us grasp.



You fixed sight on your ser - vant's plight, your and my Your ver name puts the proud shame, and to to У shall . . the The hun poor weep no more. for gry This that our fore - bears heard is the sav ing word



weak-ness you did not spurn, those who would for you yearn, food they can nev - er earn; prom - ise which holds us bound,

so from east to west shall my you will show your might, put the there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry till the spear and rod can be



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



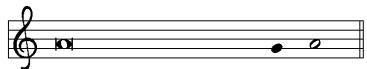
Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

#### **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.





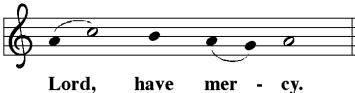
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

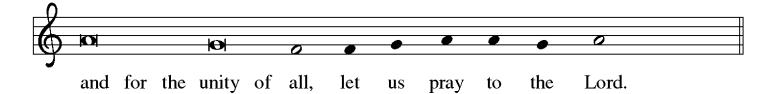


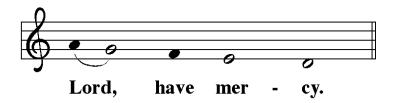
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

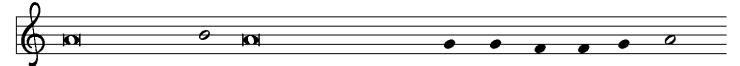




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





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

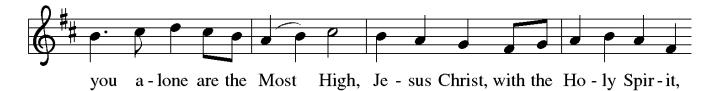
### **GLORIA**



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

prayer.







#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

### READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM: Psalm 98**

Read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

# **READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

A reading from  $3^{rd}$  Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command:

Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

We stand.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



# **GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great

earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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.

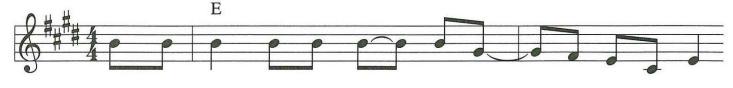
**MESSAGE** 

Jesus is among us.

#### **HYMN**

# I Will Sing, I Will Sing

W&P 73



I will un - to the Lord. 1 will sing, I sing a song We will come, will be-fore the Lord. come one we as shall make . . . . you . . . free, If the Son, if the Son They that shall reap . . . . . in . . . . joy. tears . . . . sow in Ev - 'ry knee shall bow... and ev - 'ry tongue con -In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



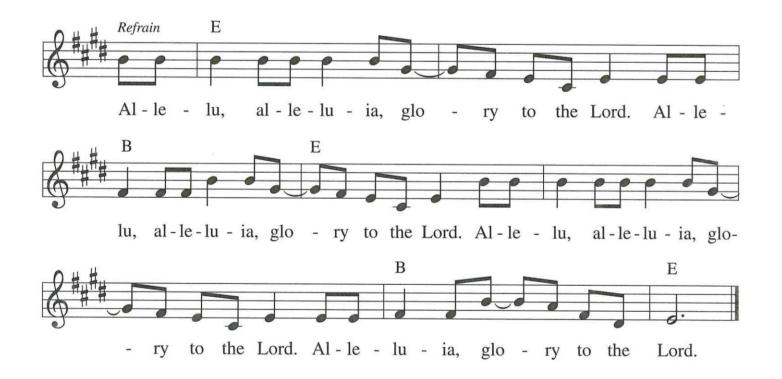
will I sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord. We will come, we will come one be - fore the Lord. as if the Son, if the Son make . . . . . you . . . free, shall They that SOW in tears . . . . shall reap . . . . . in . . . . joy. ev - 'ry knee shall bow . . . and ev -'ry tongue con - fess, his name, in his name have we the vic - to - ry.



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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

The Prayers conclude:

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

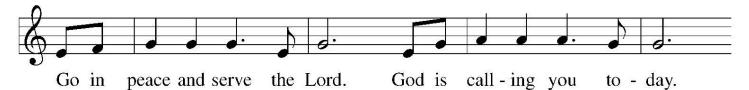
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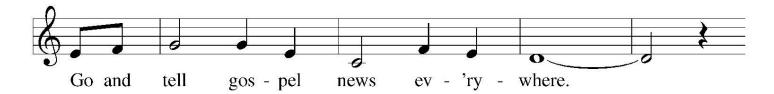
#### **OFFERING**

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 make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

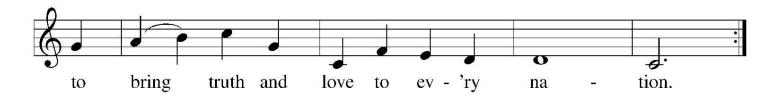
Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located at the center aisle.

# **Offertory** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord W&P 46









#### OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God our creator,

you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need.

Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home.

Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

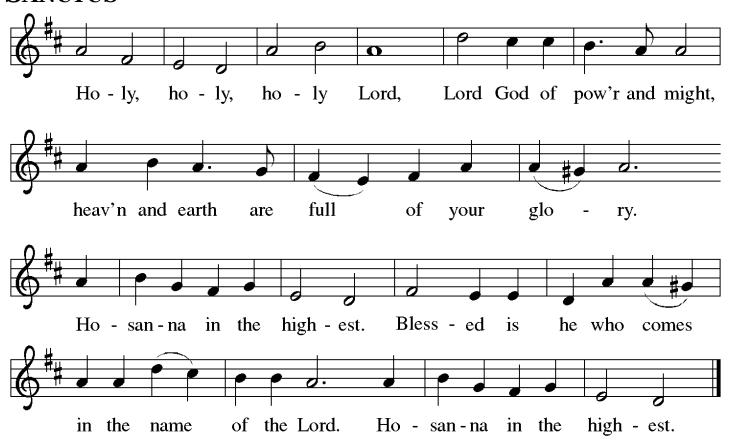
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; 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:





#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we gather around his body and blood and we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. *Come, Holy Spirit.* 

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. *Amen*.

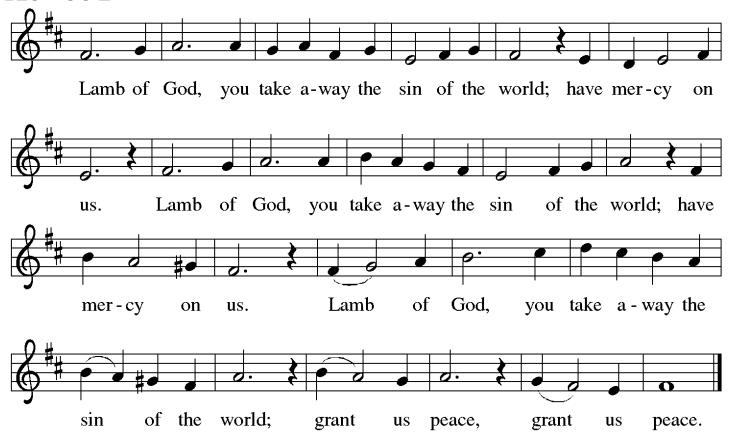
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We sit.

# **AGNUS DEI**



#### **Invitation to Communion**

God keeps adding places to the table. Come to the banquet that has no end!

Communion assistants come forward.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to this Meal. The ushers will direct worshippers. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their chair.

#### **MUSIC DURING 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 pray together.

We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

# THE SENDING

#### **BLESSING**

Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world, written by the same Sender.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,

† comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Amen.

As the cross passes your seat, please turn and follow as we are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel through our lives.





#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Hayes

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Price, Sr. on his birthday by the Price families.



2020 Altar Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. *Please sign-up!* 





# Free Garage Sale – December 13<sup>th</sup> Bring non-furniture to the Old Conference Room Bring furniture to the Scout Hut









Help us decorate the sanctuary!

Poinsettias are \$8.50 again this year.

You may use either a pew envelope or the

Christmas Flowers envelope. Please identify if it's "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" and place it in the offering by **Sunday, Dec. 15**th.

We would also like to decorate the sanctuary with these poinsettias for the Community Epiphany Service on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to pick up your poinsettia after January 6<sup>th</sup> service, we would appreciate it.



# Tithes, and Offering for 11/10/2019 Attendance: Worship – 94; Sunday School – 51

<b>Current &amp; Benevolent</b>				Over/(Under)
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$4,514.00	\$439.25
<b>Building Improvement</b>				
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$240.00	(\$106.15)
<b>Building on Holy Ground</b>				
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$885.00	(\$761.15)

#### **Honorariums and Memorials** (all funds)

- In memory of Katherine DeVoy by Earl & Mary Frances, Annette Price
- In memory of Jerry Price, Sr. on his birthday by Jeff & Alyson Price
- In memory of Mary Price's mother by Parker & Diane Boulware
- In memory of Marion Leaphart's cousin, Linda by Parker & Diane Boulware



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# MT HERMON PRAYS ...

#### Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home* Margie Hook, *Home* 

Patricia Bachman, Carolina Gardens Lois Watson, Lexington Place

Hazel Bockus, *Home* Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home* 

Lynwood Crout, Home

# Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Jim Whitaker Tom & June Roof Ernie Swygert Lila Catt Eddie Ellisor

Jeff Bucknam Connie Bucknam Ann Addy Buddy Hydrick

### Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor

Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam

Lois Moore & family, family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman

Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Jake Harris, co-worker of Jennifer Price & Allison Swygert

Don Morris, father of Keith Morris

Jason Wardlaw, friend of congregation

Lynn Zarpentine, friend of Susan LaCons

Cheryl Coureville, friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam

Mary Frances Hamilton, friend of congregation

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Jimmy Mills, father of Tommy Mills

Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott

Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price

John Catoe, family of Ellisors

Jenifer Gooding, co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price

Todd Hewitt, friend of Missy Addy

Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease

Jane Park, friend of Pastor Gina & Dion

Summers Duffie, brother of Alyson Price

\*Patricia Barber, sister of Danny Scott

\*Jean Wooten, friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today\* Serving November 24<sup>th</sup>

**Greeter:** Jean Shealy Cindy Price

**Crucifer:** Skyler Miller Jackson Price

**Acolytes:** Connor Eargle Mackenzie Burns

Sam Koon Spencer Price

**Lector:** Larry Amick Terry Swygert

**Communion Asst.** 

Skyler Miller Jackson Price
Ronnie Fulmer Joel Price Sr.
Angie Hydrick Wynne Price

Children's Sermon:

Megan Landers Pastor Gina

**Nursery:** OPEN Emily Arroyo

**OPEN** 

**Food Pantry:** November 20 November 27

Angie Hydrick Jo Leach

# **Serving in November\***

**Council Representative:** Joe Koon

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price

**Tabulators:** Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick, Linda Waters-Hamilton

(Barbara Corley)

Ushers: Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Marion Leaphart, Tom Stahl

<sup>\*</sup> If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am

# **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

# Sunday, November 24th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship

10:15 am Tonechimes (1st 15 minutes of Sunday School)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am New Member Class – Pastor Gina's Office

11:15 am Puppet Ministry – Choir Room

3:00 pm Club 345 – Pilgrim Lutheran Church

1430 N. Lake Drive, Lexington, SC

# Tuesday, November 26th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

**Staff Meeting** 

7:00 pm Congaree Presbyterian

1221 Lafayette Avenue

Cayce, SC



# Wednesday, November 27th

9:00 am Food Pantry

6:00 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

# Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Friday, November 29th







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Vice President, Ronnie Fulmer Treasurer, Parker Boulware Sextons, Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 17th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship Tonechimes (1st 15 min. of SS) 10:15 am

**Sunday School** 10:15 am

Annual Meeting & CFF – Fellowship Hall 10:30 am

Puppet Ministry – Choir Room 11:15 am

3:30 pm Confirmation **LCY Meets** 5:00 pm

Tuesday, November 19th

1:00 pm **Bulletin Information Due** 

**Newsletter Information Due** 

**Staff Meeting** 

MJS – Oakwood Commons – Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20th

9:00 am Food Pantry

Young @ Heart Thanksgiving Meal – Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm

6:00 pm Handbells

**Chancel Choir** 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 23rd

11:00 am - 1:00 pm



