

## STAFF

Rev. Dr. Mary Anderson, *Interim Pastor*

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## SERVERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

*Council Representative:* David Marsh

*Altar Guild:* Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price

*Ushers:* Jamie Addison, David Marsh, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman

Food Pantry Volunteers for Wednesday, February 7: A.M.- Angie Hydrick

P.M.- James Hallman

### SERVING TODAY

*Acolytes:* Karly Addy & Mitch Stevens

*Greeter:* Faye Sox

*Lector:* Mary Price

*Children's Sermon:* Diane Boulware

*Nursery Attendants:* Grace Roof,

Karen Nicholson

### SERVING FEBRUARY 11, 2018

*Acolytes:* Joshua Koon & Alyssa Stevens

*Greeter:* June Roof

*Lector:* Terry Swygert

*Children's Sermon:* Mary Koon

*Nursery Attendants:* Grace Roof, Larry Amick &

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



**The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 4, 2018**

**Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church**

**West Columbia.SC**

*We welcome all to worship today. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign our guest book so we can greet you more fully. If you have questions about the service, please ask one of the ushers or those sitting around you.*

*This is Christ's Church + There is a place for you here.*

Welcome and Announcements

### **+ Gathering +**

Prelude

*Please stand at the pastor's invitation and face the cross at the entrance to the church.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all;**

**we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**

**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,**

**so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

## **Boy Scout Troop 331: Food Collection Project**

Boy Scout Troop 331 is accepting donations for the MH Food Pantry. A collection container will be set up in the gathering area for all non-perishable donation items. Donations will be accepted during the month of January.

### **Acolyte Training**

**Sunday, February 25 at 11:30 a.m.**

All those wishing to be trained as acolytes, as well as those currently serving as acolytes, are asked to attend this training session. A lunch of pizza will be provided.

**Did you hear the news???? Our first Pub and Pray was a success!** A fun night was had by all (and all age groups were covered!) as we enjoyed dinner and a trivia challenge at The British Bulldog Pub in Harbison. Many thanks to Pastor Anderson for being a great emcee and trivia master!

Three teams competed, and in the end final scores were:

Team 1: (The Thirsty Monks) 24 points

Team 2: (...and Al) 23 points

Team 3: (The Biblical Scholars) 21 points

Congratulations to the winning team! Be on the look out for the next Pub and Pray in the near future! Plan to join us for dinner, trivia, and fun fellowship!

God's love never runs out.  
God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
Hear God say to you now:  
Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW 665  
*(red book)*

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

*Be seated.*

**+ WORD +**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40: 21-31**

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Family & Friends in Our Prayers...*

Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman)  
Scott Coleman (Thurman)  
Jason Thurman (Thurman)  
Sue Reeves (Thurman)  
Thomas Riley (Shirley Riley)  
Brian Thompson (Joel Price, Jr.)  
Megan Sease (Earl & Mary Frances)  
Charles Aull (Jay Corley)  
Chip Wilson (Ryan Price)  
Mike Merck (Jerry & Becky Ellisor)

Kathryn & Don Bergeron (Bucknam)  
Stephanie Johnson (Jen Miller)  
W.A. “Buddy” Keller (Cyndi & Marion)  
Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson)  
Rose Little (Marie Kleckley)  
Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick)  
Matthew Price (Angie Hydrick)  
Janice Daley (Emily Morris)  
Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills)  
Nellie Gantt (Mary Price)

### Calendar for Week of January 21 – 27

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<u>Today</u>	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Bidding
	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off
	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Awards/Winning Bids
<u>Monday</u>	2:30 p.m.	MH Homework Center
	6:30 p.m.	Property Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Chair Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Mat/Pilates Class
<u>Wednesday</u>	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	1:00 p.m.	Chair Exercise Class
	2:00 p.m.	Mat/Pilates Class

**Next Sunday**, Pastor Anderson will be away at Mt. Hermon’s annual Leadership Retreat at the Lutheran Coastal Retreat Center. Please help us welcome back, Rev. Ray Mohrmann from Lutheran Services of the Carolinas as our guest presider.

**Please pray each day this week for the following people:**

- 1/21/2018 Keith, Emily, Lawson & Brayden Morris, Larry Amick, Lutheran Disaster Response
- 1/22/2018 Dale & Sonya Miller, Brannon Miller, Presley Miller
- 1/23/2018 Joel, Devona, Jackson, & Spencer Price, Jeff, Amy & Alex Derrick, Newberry College
- 1/24/2018 Blake, Brittany & Jack Allen, Cindy Kleckley, Cody Kleckley
- 1/25/2018 Ronnie Wibourne, Kenneth Bouknight, Faye Sox
- 1/26/2018 Wynne & Mary Price, Bishop Herman Yoos, Herb & Connie Bucknam
- 1/27/2018 Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Regan Anthony, Grayson Anthony

**Remember in Your Prayers....**

*Homebound and Care Facilities*

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| Pearl Dennis | William & Lois Watson |
| Margie Hook  | Lena Wessinger        |
| Lib Swygert  |                       |

*Members*

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alberta Berry              | Marie Kleckley & Family |
| Hazel Bockus               | Betty Lindler           |
| Jimmy Bouknight            | Dot Mathias             |
| Nell Buff                  | Rev. Everett Price      |
| David Butts, III           | Jerry Price, III        |
| The Family of James Corley | Grace Roof              |
| Lynwood Crout              | Glenn Smith             |
| Jerry Ellisor              | Cyndi Thurman           |
| Georgianna Gray            | Mike Watford            |

**Psalm: Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c**

*Read responsively between the lector and congregation.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,  
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds  
and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the  
mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,  
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,  
in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup> Hallelujah!

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23**

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win

Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We stand to greet the Gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Glorify Thy Name*

W&P 42  
*(purple book)*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Mark 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

**+ SENDING +**

### **The Blessing**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of my husband, Tommy Mills birthday and  
my mother, Connie Bucknam's birthday .*

*Given by Kelli Mills*

## Distribution of Communion

*We share the Bread and Wine at the Altar Rail today. Please follow the ushers' directions to come down the side aisle and return to your pew down the center aisle. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available for all who desire them. As we commune we sing:*

*Lamb of God* p. 146

*Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, santo, santo*  
Sing three times in English or Spanish ELW 473

*Here Is Bread* ELW 483

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* W&P 90

*You are the Light of the World*

You are the Light of the World

You are the Light of the World

So, shine, shine, shine where you are

You are the Light of the World

You are a city on a hill...

You are the salt of the earth...

You are a candle in the dark...

You are a star in the night...

*After all have communed and the Table is cleared, please stand at the Pastor's invitation.*

## Prayer after Communion

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now –

today, tomorrow, every day –

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

Diane Boulware

### Sermon

*Silent Reflection*

*Please stand as the hymn begins.*

**Hymn of the Day** *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* ELW 617

### Prayers of Intercession

### Sharing of the Peace

*We greet one another with a sign of peace and saying, "Peace be with you."*

*Be seated as we receive our offering.*

**+ MEAL +**

### The Offering

*We give our monetary offerings to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude for God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution now by visiting [www.mthlc.org](http://www.mthlc.org) and clicking on the "On-Line Giving." Thank you for your generous gifts.*

### Anthem

### Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

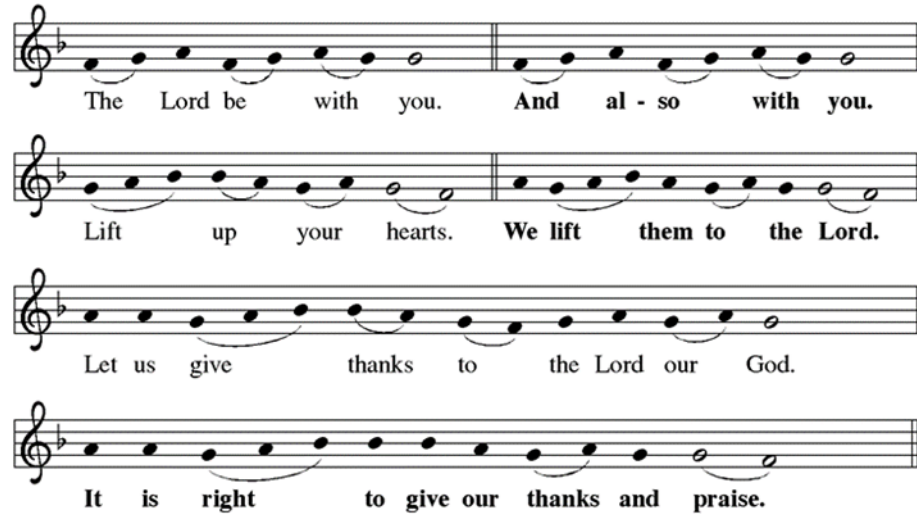
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Preface Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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### Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

### Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

#### Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Be seated.*