

# FIRST SUNDAY OF DY ENTIRE PROPERTY OF THE PROP

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

# **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...

## 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 leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. *Amen.* 

PRELUDE Medley
Evanovich

# THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. *Amen.* 

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. 

† you are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. 

Amen.

Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

# HYMN

# My Lord What A Morning

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My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,





- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

#### **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.

#### **KYRIE**

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

# ISAIAH 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of God preparing us for the light to come. *We wait.* 

#### **PSALM 122**

We read responsively.

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me,
- "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
  - <sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
  - <sup>4</sup> to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
  - <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
  - "May they prosper who love you.
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
  - <sup>8</sup> For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.
- <sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

# ROMANS 13:11-14

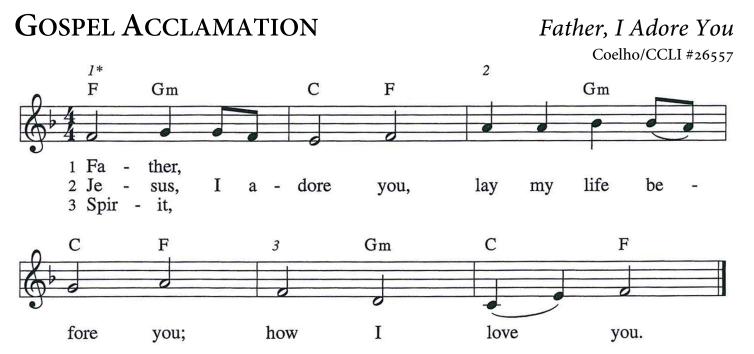
A reading from Romans.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness,

not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of God preparing us for the light to come. *We wait.* 

We stand.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:5-24
The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

8 Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. 10 Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. 11 Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. 16 He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." 19 The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup> When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had

seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup> When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.

<sup>24</sup> After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion.

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

We sit.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

waiting

#### 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**

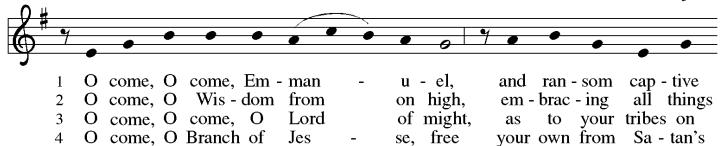
Zechariah and Elizabeth

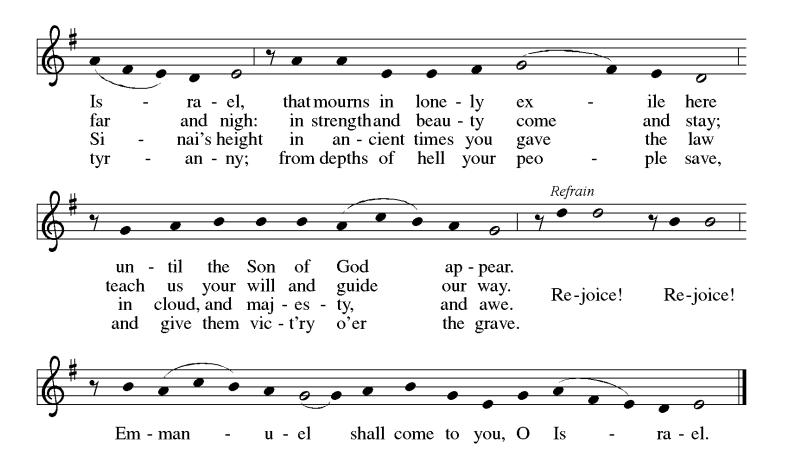
We stand.

HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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## **APOSTLE'S 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;

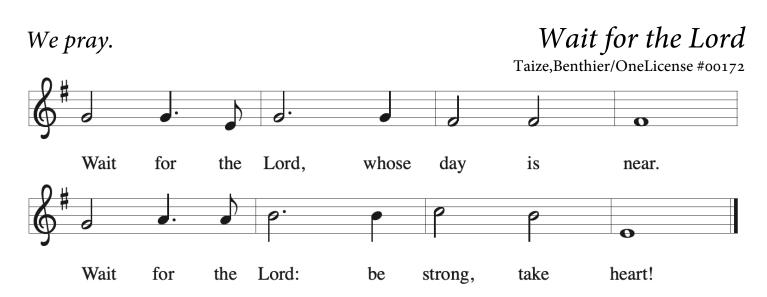
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

he ascended into heaven.

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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.



Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. *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.

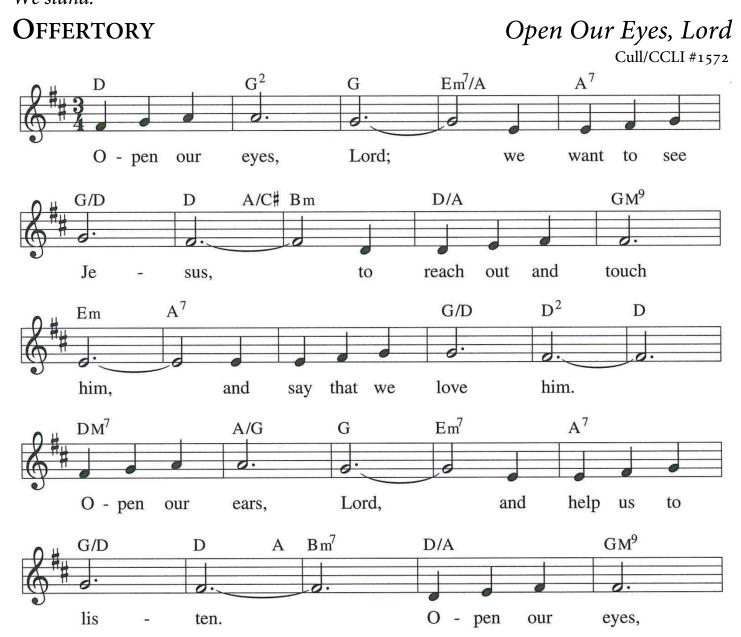
#### **OFFERING**

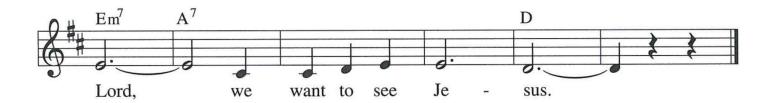
We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "Online Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

## **OFFERING**

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We stand.





#### OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Nourishing God,

you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. 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 the way to everlasting life.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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 the 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. 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. Make 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:

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.

#### Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

#### **COMMUNION**

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors, and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

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#### 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 pray together.

God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.

# THE SENDING

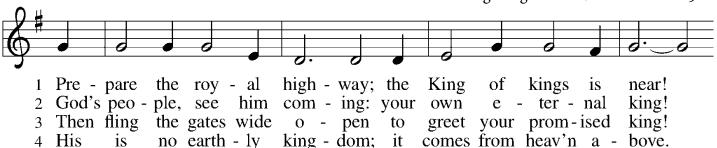
## **BLESSING**

May God who comes among us, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. *Amen.* 

## HYMN

# Prepare the Royal Highway

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ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap pear! Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing! na - tion Your king, yet ev - 'ry trib - ute its may bring. too His is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, love. and



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry: God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you! All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing: So let your praise be sound-ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



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

## **SENDING**

# While I'm Waiting

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I'm waiting, I'm waiting on You Lord And I am hopeful, I'm waiting on You Lord Though it is painful, but patiently I will wait

And I will move ahead bold and confident Taking every step in obedience

#### Refrain

While I'm waiting I will serve You
While I'm waiting I will worship
While I'm waiting I will not faint
I'll be running the race even while I wait

I'm waiting, I'm waiting on You Lord And I am peaceful, I'm waiting on You Lord Though it's not easy no, but faithfully I will wait Yes, I will wait

And I will move ahead bold and confident Taking every step in obedience

\*Refrain\*

I will move ahead bold and confident I'll be taking every step in obedience

While I'm waiting I will serve You
While I'm waiting I will worship
While I'm waiting I will not faint
And I will serve You while I'm waiting

# I will worship while I'm waiting

I will serve You while I'm waiting
I will worship while I'm waiting
I will serve You while I'm waiting
I will worship while I'm waiting on You Lord

I will serve You while I'm waiting
I will worship while I'm waiting
I will serve You while I'm waiting
I will worship while I'm waiting

## 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.

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the people of Mt Hermon, who have made this church a home for us. Thank you for welcoming us with loving arms, walking beside us in faith, and showing us what true Christian fellowship looks like. We are grateful for the last five years and for the family we've found here by Arron, Elyse, Quentin, and Walker Kinard.



# **Angel Tree Ministry**

The tree is up! Spread Christmas Cheer by sponsoring a child for Christmas. Each year we help children in the community have a brighter Christmas by buying gifts for them. The children are identified by the local schools, and we gather a list of their needs and wants

and place them on ornaments. Please make plans to sponsor a child this Christmas. We will also include parents of the children on the tree with some of their needs. We will need the gifts by Monday, December 8.

Mark your calendars: Next Driver's Education class will be December 1, 2, 4



We will host a free garage sale for families in need of assistance on December 5. If you have items in good condition such as furniture,



linens, blankets, towels, coats, socks, shoes, gloves, books, children's clothes, baby items, household items, toys, etc. that you are willing to donate, we are ready to start gathering now. The assembly room. (The only adult clothing we are collecting are jackets, coats and shoes.) Your donations are another way that we are caring for God's children. We are



also looking for volunteers to help us organize the donated items the week after Thanksgiving and volunteers to help the day of the Free Garage Sale. If you are interested in assisting us, please contact Diane Boulware mthoutreach@gmail.com.

# **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

11/23/2025

9:00 worship 93 + live stream 142 = 235 Sunday School = 31

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,775.00
Building Fund	Received	2,105.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	70.00

#### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

- In honor of Preston & Kay's 50th wedding anniversary by Diane & Parker Boulware, Terry & Allison Swygert, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Rick & Debbie Duval
- To the glory of God in honor of **Preston & Kay Bryant** for the blessing they are to us and so many others! Thank you! Mike & Cathy Huffstetler
- In memory of Mary Duffie, Alyson Price's mother by Diane & Parker Boulware, Terry & Allison Swygert, Ryan & Jennifer Price
- In memory of Jane Sexton by Terry & Allison Swygert
- In memory of Ronnie Mathias by Terry & Allison Swygert, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton
- In memory of Gene & Jane Sexton by Ryan & Jennifer Price
- In memory of G.A. Weathersby by Ryan & Jennifer Price



Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Preston and Kay Bryant

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# SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Joel Price, Sr.	Jamie Addison
	Angie Hydrick	Frank Bouknight
Crucifer:	Hayes Wingard	Chanler Coppens
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	Dylan Whitaker
Lector:	Charlene Corley	Dylan Whitaker
Communion Assts:	Kathy Cooper	Chanler Coppens
	Hayes Wingard	Cheri Coppens Dylan Whitaker
	Charlene Corley	Ronnie Fulmer Connor Eargle
	Wayne Corley	Daryl Leigh Anthony
	Hayden Eargle	Debbie Fulmer
Audio:	Marie Gardner	Marie Gardner
Video:	Marie Gardner	Marie Gardner
Flowers:	Kinards	Stevens

# SERVING IN DECEMBER

**COUNCIL REP:** Jennifer Miller

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

## MT HERMON PRAYS

#### Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care* Gloria Mathias, *home* Jean Shealy, *Lex Ext Care Rehab* Cyndi Thurman, *home* Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home* 

#### Members in Special Need of Prayer

Lauren AddyChris CarrollDebbie DuvalRenee GreenbaumJoye HaygoodFrankie JacksonElyse KinardDoris MaddoxSkyler Miller

Dennis Thurman Jim Whitaker

#### Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Dawn McIlwain-Merck.

friend of Robin Ellisor

John Catoe, family of the Ellisors

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),
friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Mrs. Cruz. teacher of Abbay Carroll

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Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts Sandra Watson,

aunt of Courtney Bucknam Jaimie Womack,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant
Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert
Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt
Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik
Will & Summer Satcher, friend of Courtney Bucknam

Sam Lockridge, *friend of Scottie Marsh* Thelma Moyer, *mother of Diane Boulware* Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer
Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper Joy Jordan, friend of Michelle Gantt Dorris Layton,

friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease
Jody Harper, friend of Kelli Goff
Tressa Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's sister
Wayne LaBounty, friend of Herb Bucknam
Scarlett Redmon, cousin of Kinard Family
Joe & Billy Corder, friends of Ryan Price
Michael Williams,

son-in-law Georgianna Gray Wayne & Kristen Watkins,

friends of Courtney Bucknam Meredith Thorndike.

goddaughter of Wayne & Charlene Corley Melissa, niece of Ricky & Fran Bouknight Anne Piercy, friend of Kathy Whitaker \*Addie, granddaughter of Lavonne Roof



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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

# Sunday, November 30th

9:00 am Worship

10:30am Sunday School

## Monday, December 1st

4:30 pm Driver's Training

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

# Tuesday, December 2nd

4:30 pm Driver's Training

6:00 pm Grief Group

# Wednesday, December 3rd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)

6:30 pm Advent Worship / Advent Meal

# Thursday, December 4th

4:30 pm Driver Training

## Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Free Garage Sale

## Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Travel to Mepkin Abby

9:00 am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)