SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Luke 6;20-21

FEBRUARY 16, 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 prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Come Ye Sinners

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. *Amen*.

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign



GREETING

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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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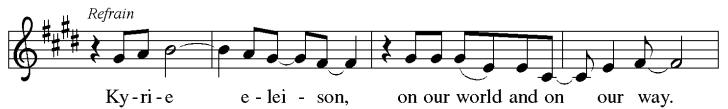
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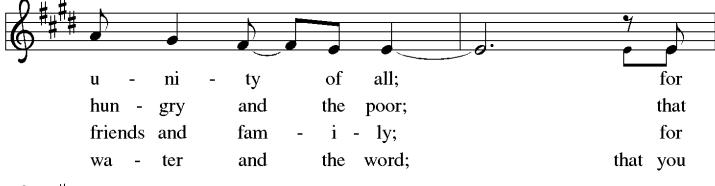
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- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the 1
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- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and love, . . . for our life and for nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus - tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. We sit.

THE WORD

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind

and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Word of God, teaching us the way. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 1

We read responsively.

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If

there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

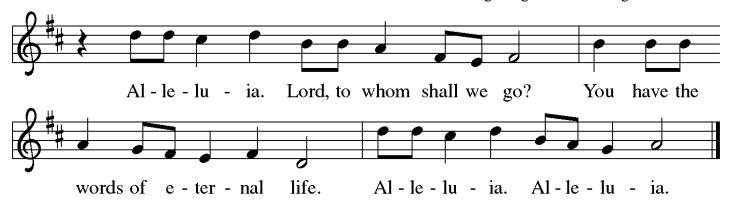
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, teaching us the way. *Thanks he to God*.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 6th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great

multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

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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.

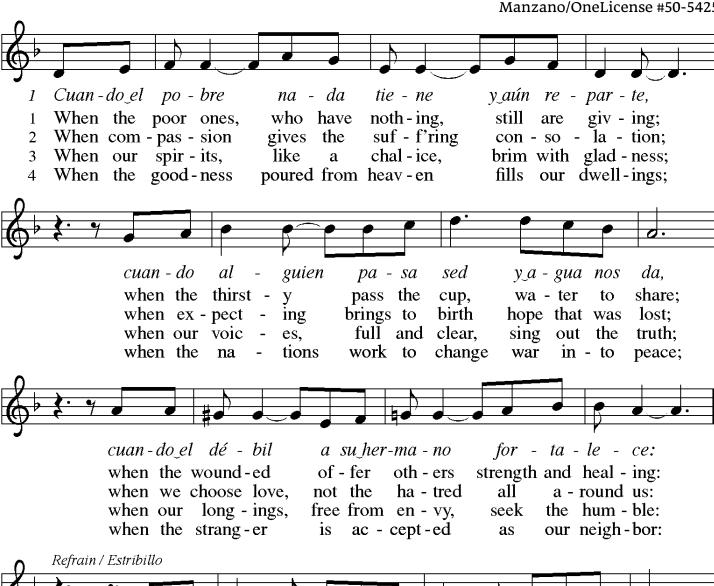
SERMON more yikes

We stand.

HYMN

When the Poor Ones

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Va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar; We see God, here by our side, walk - ing our



va Dios mis - mo en nues-tro mis - mo ca - mi - nar. by our side, walk-ing our we see God, here

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. *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 "On-line 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.

ANTHEM

Drawn to the Light

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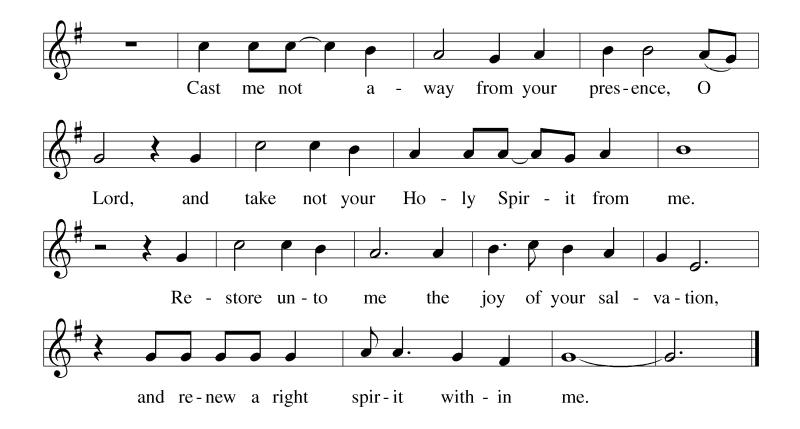
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OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

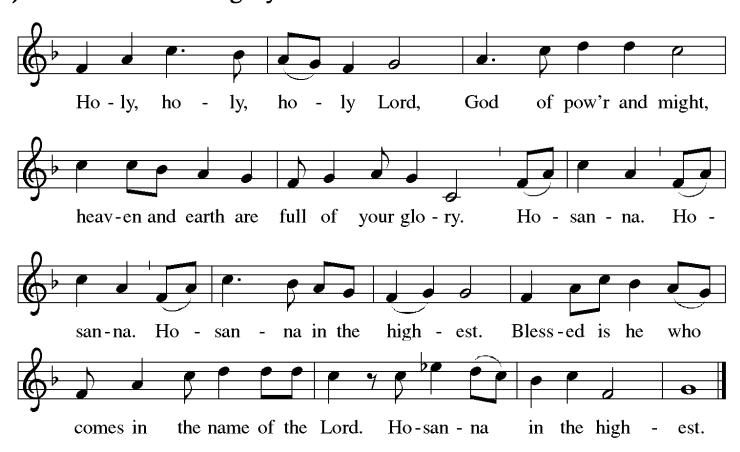
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, 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.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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;

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

We sit.

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.

Music

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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We stand.

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.

Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.



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

SENDING The Blessing



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 Spencer Price's birthday by Joel Jr, Devona, and Jackson Price.

Mt Hermon Travelers



The Mount Hermon Travelers met and has come up with several ideas for 2025. The first event will be March 15th. This will be a day trip to Greenville SC for lunch and then to "The Sound of Music" production presented by Bob Jones University at 2 PM. If you

are interested, please sign up on the sheet located in the breezeway or contact Frank Bouknight for information.

Coffee, Food, and Fellowship

Care Team will be hosting a Coffee, Food, and Fellowship on March 2nd in the fellowship hall following worship service to honor our new members

Rick & Debbie Duval, Eddie & Amanda Robinette, Roberta Smith, office admin. Please note that we will not have Sunday School classes on March 2



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

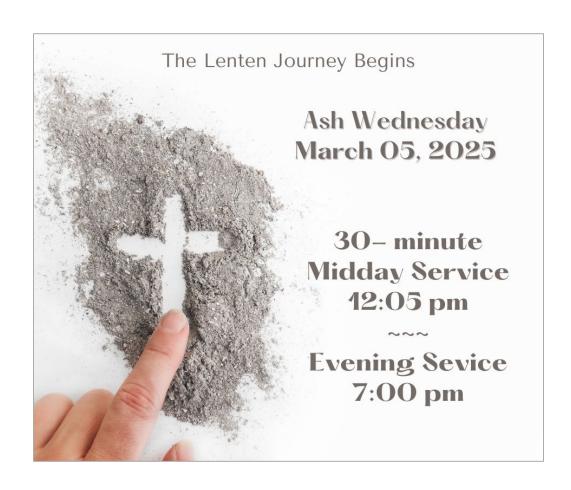
02/09/2025

In person attendance 105 +live stream 142 = 247

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,848.23
Building Fund	Received	\$1,685.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$150.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Becky Carter Brantley** by Earl & Mary Frances Sease.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Wynne Price	Jamie Addison	
	Mary Price	Dan Cooper	
Crucifer:	Need	Sam Koon	
Acolyte:	Need	Hayden Eargle	
Lector:	Mary Price	Jennifer Miller	
Communion Assts:	Wynne Price	Sam Koon	
	Mary Price	Hayden Eargle	
	Marion Leaphart	Joe Koon	
	Cyndi Leaphart	Mary Koon	
	Susan Busby	Jennifer Miller	
Audio:	Blake Allen	Brandon Donaldson	
Video:	Breanna Metze	Marie Gardner	
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl	
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen	
Flowers:	Joel Jr & Devona Price	Marion & Cyndi Leaphart	

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

COUNCIL REP: Lock up: Sheila Eargle

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dennis Thurman, Susan Busby

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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*Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*Cyndi Thurman, *Sedgewood*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*Bobby Carver, *Presby Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Karly Addy Bonnie Bouknight Chris Carroll
Randy Clark Debbie Duval Debbie Fulmer
Michelle Gantt Joye Haygood Mary Frances Sease

Jim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

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

friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Sandra Watson, aunt of Courtney Bucknam
Sarah Harmon, friend of Courtney Bucknam
Jaimie Womack, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price
Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant Tom Shaul, friend of the Kinard Family Debbe Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*Bryce McKelvey, *friend of Regan Gross*Max Schronce.

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts Hayes Wingard,

grandson of Sam and Kathy Cooper
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert
Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt
Mark King, coworker of Michelle Gantt
Joyce Davis, grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik
Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy, friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Jodi Harper, friend of Erin Rose
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware
Michael Tucker, friend of Michelle Gantt
Kaiden Howell, friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 23rd

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Children's Choir

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

3:00 pm Confirmation

Tuesday, February 25th

6:30 pm GR: Support Team

Wednesday, February 26th

Meals on Wheels: Parker & Diane Boulware

9:00 am Food Pantry

(David & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)

12:05 pm OneBody Worship

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 1st

9:00 am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth)





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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, February 16th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:15 am Children's Choir

3:00 pm Confirmation (moved to February 23)

5:00 pm FH: Youth Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

6:30 pm Life Group @ Jacksons

Wednesday, February 19th

Meals on Wheels: Jamie & Nancy Addison

9:00 am Food Pantry (Mary Frances Sease, Parker Boulware, Mary Price)

9:30 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20th

6:00 pm FH: Andy Jordan

6:00 pm CR: Outreach

Saturday, February 22nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Al & Laura Stevens)