

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2, 2018 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 Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme J.S. Bach

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**.

Burkhardt Savior of the Nations Come PRELUDE 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, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \clubsuit one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of **†** Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the front of the sanctuary.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

ELW 254 (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

We pray together.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1st Thessalonians.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

We stand.



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21st chapter *Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words

will not pass away.

³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Be on Guard

We stand.**HYMN**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep SilentELW 490

HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

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Christopher Ryan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? *I do*.

People of God, do you promise to support Christopher and pray for him in his new life in Christ? *We do*.

Parents: We present Charlotte Paisley for baptism.

Christopher and Melina, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Charlotte baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Christopher Ryan and Charlotte Paisley and pray for them in their new life in Christ? *We do*.

We stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, the baptized and this community of faith to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? *We renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *We renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? *We renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*

BAPTISM

Christopher Ryan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Christopher, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Christopher with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.*

Christopher Ryan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

Charlotte Paisley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Charlotte Paisley, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Charlotte Paisleywith the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *Amen.*

Charlotte Paisley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

WELCOME

Christopher and Charlotte are presented a baptismal candle.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Melina, we welcome you as a child of God and worker with both Christopher and Charlotte as disciples of Christ who call Mt Hermon "Home."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SHARING OF THE 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.

THE MEAL

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 also take this time in worship to complete the pew registers.

OFFERING

Advent Prayer

Pote



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives.

Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need

until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal 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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

O God of resurrection and new life. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit*.

Reveal yourself 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 Father, Eternal Word, Spirit of Peace, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

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

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to this Meal. Come down the center aisle to receive the bread. (gluten free wafers are also available.) Then move to the chalice (cup) of wine, dip the bread in the wine. Return to your pew by the side aisle. 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 pew.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God Father, I Adore You Glorify Thy Name

W&P	83
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W&P	42

We stand.

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. Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, **†** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. *Amen*.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. HYMN Savior of the Nations Come ELW 263 DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

Burkhardt

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS that beautify our sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by The Mills family in honor of Kelli Mills' birthday.

Advent Service held every Wednesdays through Advent. Service at 6:35pm followed by a meal in the fellowship hall.

You are Invited

to Make a Difference in the Life of a Child. Participate in the Free Garage Sale & Angel Tree Ways to Help:



- Buy gifts for a child on the Angel Tree
- Donate items for the Free Garage Sale
 - (Set them along the walls in the Assembly Room.)
- Help sort donated items
 - (Tables will be set up by Friday, Dec. 7 for sorting)
- Volunteer at the Free Garage Sale
 - (Friday, Dec. 14 & Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9:00 12:30)
- Please let Diane Boulware know if you can help!

Reminder to Parents Ruthie will begin music with the Sunday School Children this Sunday immediately after Sunday School for 15 minutes. **St. Nicholas Celebration** Thursday, December 6 at 6:35pm. Children are asked to bring socks and/or warm hats to go to the Oliver Gospel Mission

Friday December 21 at 4:00pm A Service of Prayer, Holy Communion & Healing during the Time of the Longest Night. A Cooperative worship service hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church 1500 Sunset Blvd. West Columbia.

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John 6:35

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|                    | Serving Today*      | Serving December 9th*    |  |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Greeter:           | Bobby Carver        | Kay Bryant               |  |
| <b>Crucifer:</b>   | Bryce Addy          | Wynne Price              |  |
| Acolytes:          | Skyler Miller       | Bryce Addy               |  |
| -                  | Connor Eargle       | Mackenzie Burns          |  |
| Lector:            | Terry Swygert       | Joel Price Jr.           |  |
| Communion Asst.    |                     |                          |  |
|                    | Trudy Bouknight     | Angie Hydrick            |  |
|                    | Wynne Price         | Emily Morris             |  |
|                    | Bryce Addy          | Wynne Price              |  |
| Children's Sermon: |                     |                          |  |
|                    | Diane Boulware      | Sheila Eargle            |  |
| Nursery:           | Grace Roof, Emily & | Grace Roof, Haley Addy & |  |
|                    | Moises Arroyo       | Karen Nicholson          |  |
| Food Pantr         | <b>:y:</b> Dec. 5   | Dec. 12                  |  |
|                    | Annette Price       | Renee Greenbaum          |  |

### Serving in November\*

**Council Representative:** Alyson Price

Altar Guild: Angie Hydrick, Jennifer Price, Linda Waters-Hamilton

**Tabulators:** Larry Amick, Kay Bryant, Doris Carver, Jane Sexton, Mary Frances Sease

### **Ushers:**

Ronnie Fulmer, Fran Bouknight, Ricky Bouknight, Cindy Price

\* 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

## **OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

### Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, Lexington PlaceMaPearl Dennis, HarborChaseLibGloria Mathias, HomeLobLena Wessinger, Presby. HomePatConnie Bucknam, Lexington Ext. Care

Margie Hook, *Home* Lib Swygert, *Lowman Home* Lois Watson, *Lexington Place* Patricia Bachman, *Pruitt Health* 

### Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry Suzie Wattenbarger Mary Frances Sease Georgianna Gray

Hazel Bockus Clifton Addy Perry Bouknight Lynwood Crout Mary Frances Hamilton Lila Catt

### Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Kathryn & Don Bergeron, (Bucknam) Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Scott Coleman (Thurman) Jim & Vickie Burcham (Thurman) W.A. "Buddy" Keller (Marion & Cyndi) Nellie Gantt (Mary Price) Doris Landry (Buddy Hydrick) Ben Nicholson (Karen Nicholson) Jimmy Mills (Tommy Mills) Charles Price (Angie Hydrick) Tressa Oswalt (Angie Hydrick) Sue Reeves (Thurman) Linda Rea (Marion & Cyndi) Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Becky Richardson (Sheila Eargle) Jason Thurman (Thurman) Richie Tallent (Danny Scott) Todd Hewitt (Missy Addy) Ted Powell, friend of Angie Hydrick's son, Chris Pollock Evelyn Newman, friend of Ricky and Fran Bouknight Charlotte Martindle family (Kelli Mills) Kaiden Robinson (Kelli Mills) Rose Little, daughter of Marie Kleckley



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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

President, *Danny Scott* Secretary, *Alyson Price* Financial Secretary, *Annette Price*  Vice President, *Terry Swygert* Treasurer, *Emily Morris* Sextons, *Ricky Bouknight, Allison & Terry Swygert* 

#### Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am Worship Service
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 4:00pm Confirmation
- 5:00pm LCY Events
- 6:35 pm Pray

#### Tuesday, December 4

- 1:00pm Arthritis Chair Class
- 2:00pm MAT/ Pilates Class
- 6:00pm Handbells
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir
- 6:35pm Pray

### Wednesday, December 5

| 6:35pm | Advent Service |
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| 7:00pm | Advent Meal    |

#### Thursday, December 6

| 1:00pm | Arthritis Chair Class |
|--------|-----------------------|
| 2:00pm | MAT/ Pilates Class    |
| 6:35pm | St Nicholas Service   |

