

OCTOBER 5, 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

Blessed Assurance

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THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. *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.

Trusting in God's mercy, we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! *Amen.*

HYMN

God Is Here!

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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.

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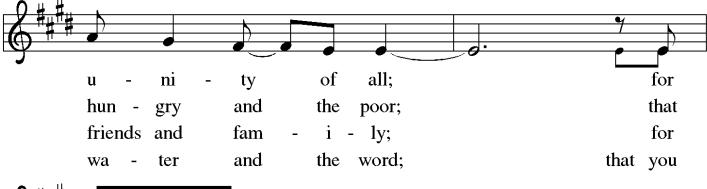
live with-out







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- 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 life and for love, for our 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,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 37:1-9

We read responsively.

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶ The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

A reading from 2nd Timothy.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

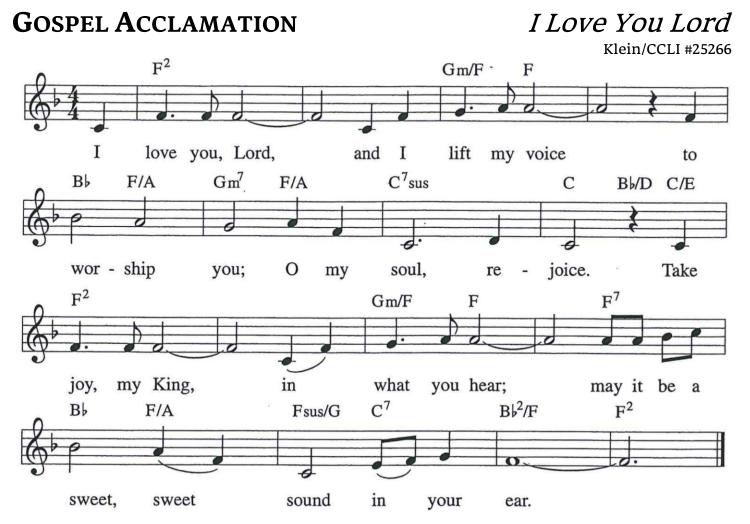
³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a

herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

We stand.



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

parents and grandparents

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.

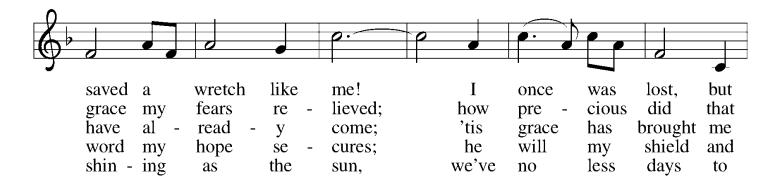
Sermon our ancestors

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace, receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. *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.

OFFERING

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

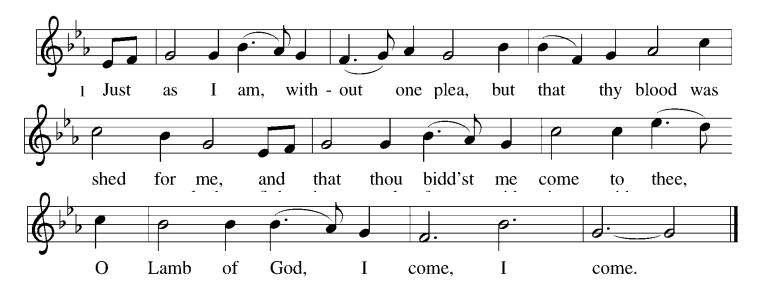
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Just as I Am

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim Christ in our lives. *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again*.

We remember the sacrifice of Christ, his eating with outcasts and sinners. We remember his resurrection from the dead and his ascension to you. Now we share this promised feast. *Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.*

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the communion of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fulness of the kingdom of heaven, and we may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. *Amen, Come, Holy Spirit*.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, 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.

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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

SENDING OF COMMUNION

We invite those who will serve as eucharistic ministers for this month to come forward and receive the communion.

We pray together.

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
Who gives justice to the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry,
Who sets the prisoners free,
† bless you now and forever. *Amen.*

HYMN

Shall We Gather at The River

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- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar gin of the riv er, wash ing up its sil ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

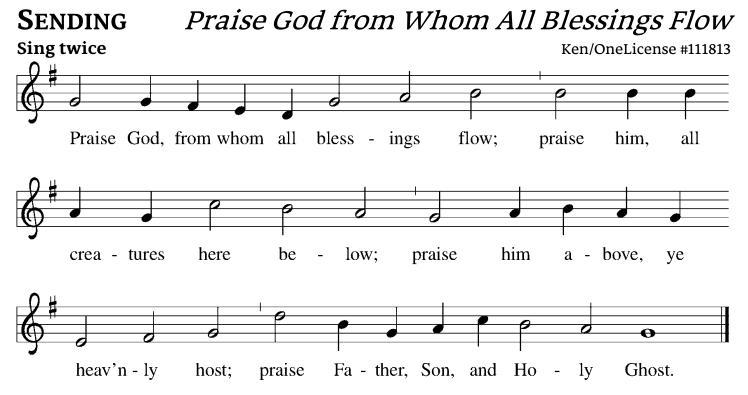


Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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



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

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.

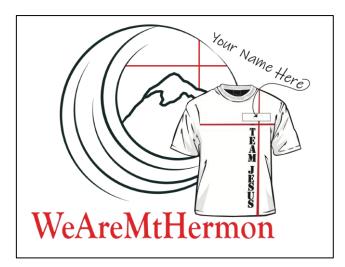
Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our favorite historian, Ann Addy, and our Mt Hermon family for Homecoming 2025 with love by Al & Laura Stevens.

Homecoming 2025 - Team Jesus

We are all on the same team! We will gather as a community in the Fellowship Hall and learn some history of Mt. Hermon from our own historian, Ann Addy. This will begin at 10:30 and the Homecoming luncheon will begin afterward. Come and join the food and fellowship with the disciples of Christ who call Mt. Hermon 'home'.



The Travel Team is on the move again!



November 1st – Family Apple Picking Trip

December 6th –
Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner



There are sign up sheets in the narthex, breezeway, office, and today, there will be a sign up sheet at the Homecoming Luncheon.



OCTOBER 26 (4:30PM-6:30PM



TRUNK OR TREAT

HAYRIDES & TRACTORS

HALLELUJAH CAKE WALK

8 LCSD WILL HAVE TRUNKS, TOO!



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MT. HEBRON UMC 3050 LEAPHART ROAD WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

09/28/2025

9:00 worship 80 + live stream 153 = 233 Sunday School = 26

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,297.00
Building Fund	Received	\$580.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$265.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

n/a

WALKING TOGETHER, FOSTERING HOPE

Mental Health and Spiritual Care in the Lutheran Tradition



SAVE THE DATE: November 1, 2025

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

Suicide Awareness and Mental Health
Guest Speaker Dennis Gillan of Half a Sorrow

Presented by South Carolina Synod

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Ricky Bouknight	Terry Swygert	
	Fran Bouknight	Allison Swygert	
Crucifer:	Connor Eargle	Hayden Eargle	
Acolyte:	Brayden Johnson	Mackenzie Burns	
Lector:	Ricky Bouknight	Parker Boulware	
Communion Assts:	Kirby Johnson	Hayden Eargle	
	Connor Eargle	Mackenzie Burns	
	Fran Bouknight Ricky Bouknight	Parker Boulware	
	Lynn Bouknight	Diane Boulware	
	Marion Leaphart Cyndi Leaphart	Debbie Fulmer	
Audio:	Ryan Corley	Arron Kinard	
Video:	Marie Gardner	Quentin Kinard	
Nursery:	Robin Machajewski	Melanie Jackson	
	Brittany Allen	Katie Donaldson	
Flowers:	Al & Laura Stevens	The Marsh Family	

SERVING IN OCTOBER

COUNCIL REP: Danny Scott

<u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

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 Ronnie Mathias, Lex Med Center Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living Jean Shealy, Lex Ext Care Rehab Cyndi Thurman, home Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll Debbie Duval Renee Greenbaum Joye Haygood Skyler Miller Dennis Thurman Mary Frances Sease 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 Abbey Carroll
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 friend of Earl & Mary France
Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Jody Harper, friend of Kelli Goff
Blase Rhine, Tressa Oswalt, Angie Hydrick's s

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
Lauren Addy,

friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
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
Jon Ellis, friend of Ryan Price
Joe & Billy Corder, friends of Ryan Price
Michael Williams.

son-in-law Georgianna Gray



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, October 5th ~ Homecoming 2025

9:00 am Worship

10:45 am History and Luncheon

4:00 pm FH: Michelle Gantt

Monday, October 6th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, October 7th

5:30 pm Executive Team

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, October 8th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship

Thursday, October 9th

6:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, October 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholsan)

12:00 pm Confirmation Faith Statements Due