# **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## **W**ELCOME

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** 

King of Glory
Powell/CCLI #3118867

## **THE GATHERING**

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

Trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repairs our relationships,

restore what we have broken,

renew our hearts,

and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

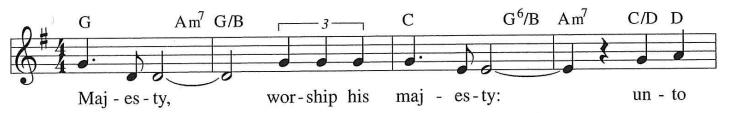
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power the Holy Spirit you are set free.

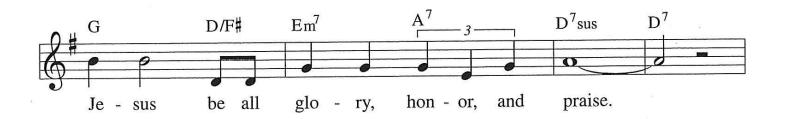
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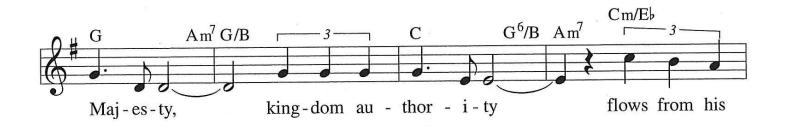
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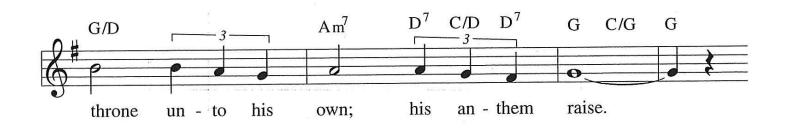
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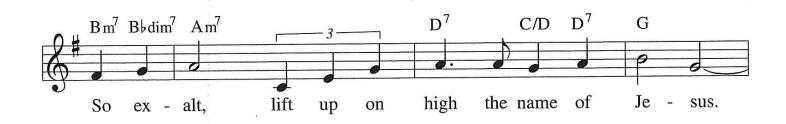
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#### **GREETING**

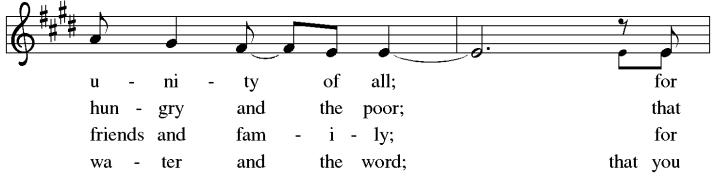
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.* 







- 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.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen We sit.

## THE WORD

## **JEREMIAH 23:1-6**

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved,

and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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

#### PSALM 46

We read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the Lord, What desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

## I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

#### **COLOSSIANS 1:11-20**

A reading from Colossians.

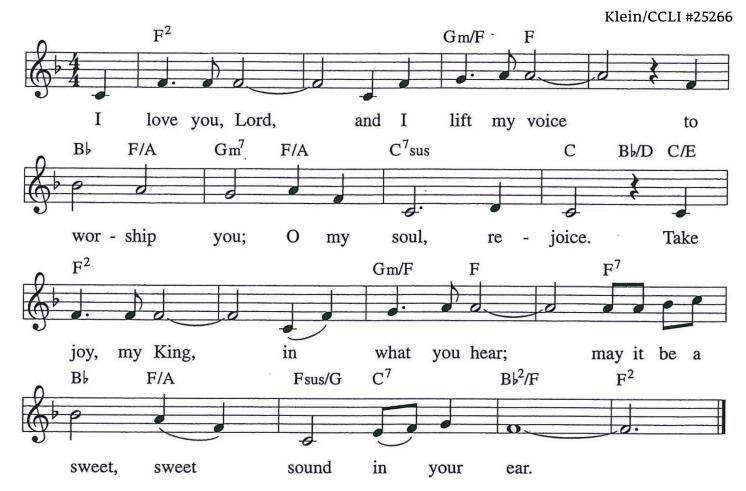
<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

#### I Love You Lord



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of

the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jesus is King

#### 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** 

Christ the King

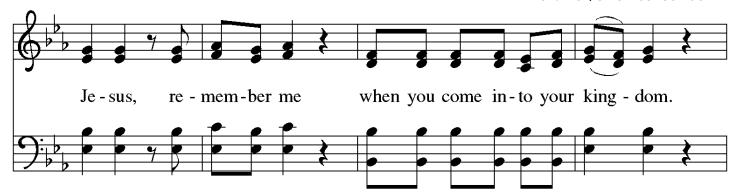
#### HYMN

#### Last Words

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#### Jesus, Remember Me

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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 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**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray.

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *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**

All Things Together

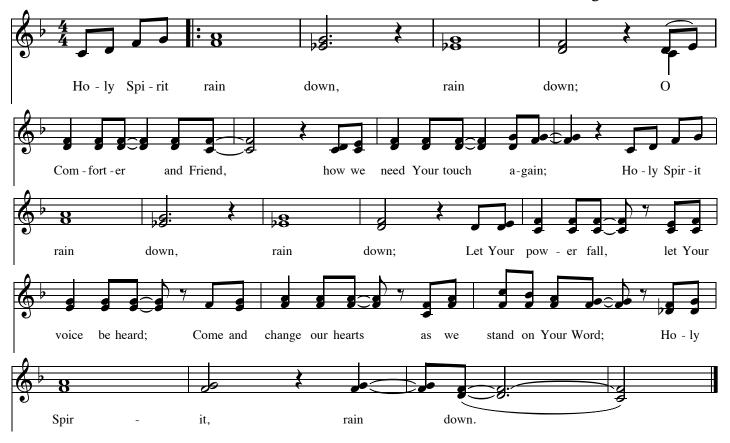
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We stand.

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### Holy Spirit, Rain Down

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#### OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and untie us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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 fullness 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.

MUSIC Medley
Price

#### 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 of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out together your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

## **THE SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you † and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. *Amen.* 

#### Shout to The Lord

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

# SENDING The Blessing Brown/CCLI #7147007



#### 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 memory of Jenny Dixon and in honor of Marion Dixon for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> and in honor of Kay and Preston Bryant for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> (their double wedding on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> at Mt Hermon by Kay Bryant.

**Food Pantry:** This month we are collecting **canned hams and canned sweet potatoes** for our Thanksgiving food bags. We are planning to distribute **75** bags with the makings for Thanksgiving dinner in addition to our regular setups. If you are able to donate any, it would be greatly appreciated. God has enabled us to help feed many families through your continued generosity. Thank you for answering God's call to feed His sheep.



angel Tree

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



#### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

11/16/2025

9:00 worship 88 + live stream 133 = 221 Sunday School = n/a

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$8,520.25
<b>Building Fund</b>	Received	\$505.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$240.00

#### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Jane Sexton** by Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Danny & Jenny Scott.

In memory of **Carolyn Shumpurt**, Jan & Andrea's sister, by Angie Hydrick. In memory of **G.A. Weathersby** by Jeff & Alyson Price, Danny & Jenny Scott. In memory of **Ronnie Mathias** by Jeff & Alyson Price, Danny & Jenny Scott. In memory of **Carol Harrell** by Danny & Jenny Scott.

### Free Garage Sale

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.

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## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Kirby Johnson	Joel Price, Sr.
	Arron Kinard	Angie Hydrick
Crucifer:	Chanler Coppens	Hayes Wingard
Acolyte:	Bryson Johnson	Hayden Eargle
Lector:	Kirby Johnson	Charlene Corley
Communion Assts:	Chanler Coppens	Kathy Cooper
	Danny Scott	Hayes Wingard
	Jenny Scott	Charlene Corley
	Dani Martin	Wayne Corley
	Bryson Johnson	Hayden Eargle
Audio:	Brandon Donaldson	Marie Gardner
Video:	Marie Gardner	Marie Gardner
Nursery:	Robin Machajewski	Melanie Jackson
	Brittany Allen	Katie Donaldson
Flowers:	Kay Bryant	Kinards

## **SERVING IN NOVEMBER**

**COUNCIL REP:** Ronnie Fulmer

<u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick <u>TABULATORS:</u> Ann Addy, Mary France Sease

#### 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 JacksonDoris MaddoxSkyler MillerDennis ThurmanMary Frances SeaseJim 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 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 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
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



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Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

#### Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Worship

10:30am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

12:00 pm FH: Kay & Preston Bryant Anniversary

#### Tuesday, November 25th

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

## Wednesday, November 19th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Rick & Debbie Duval, Jamie & Nancy Addison)

## Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Youth)