

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 ...

We enter into darkness, silence, and anticipation.

MUSIC

His Heart Beats

Peterson, Shrive/CCLI #7110696

We stand as we realize the tomb is empty!

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen!

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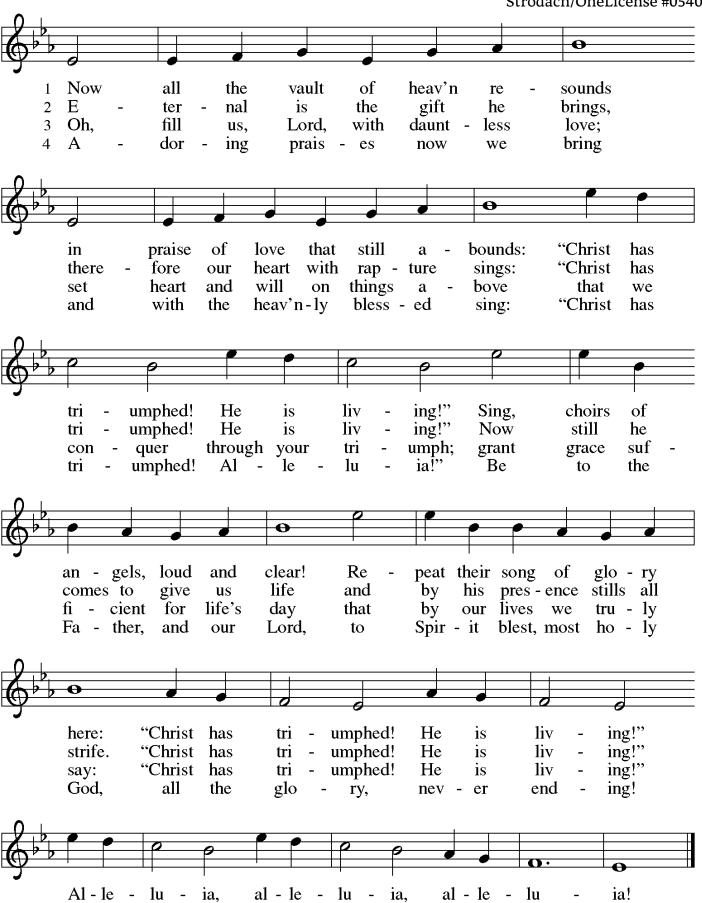
In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

He washes away our sin and all that separates us from God.
Empower our witness to the resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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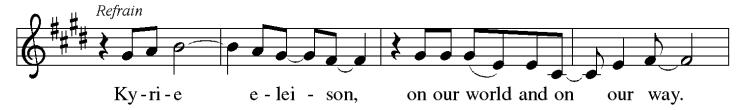


GREETING

We gather for worship on this Easter Resurrection Sunday in the name of the **†**One, who was, who is, and who is to come. *Amen.*

KYRIE

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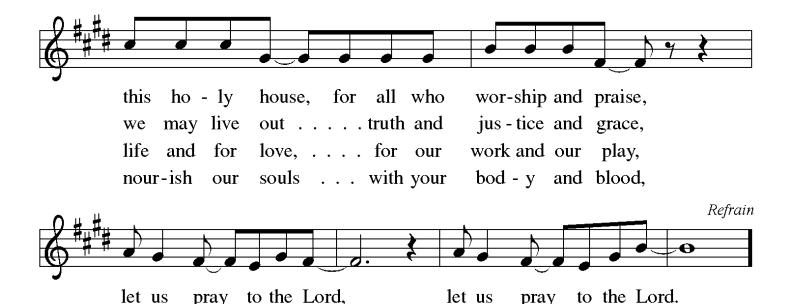






- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

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**.

THE WORD

ACTS 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

We read responsively.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,

but did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

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. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam,

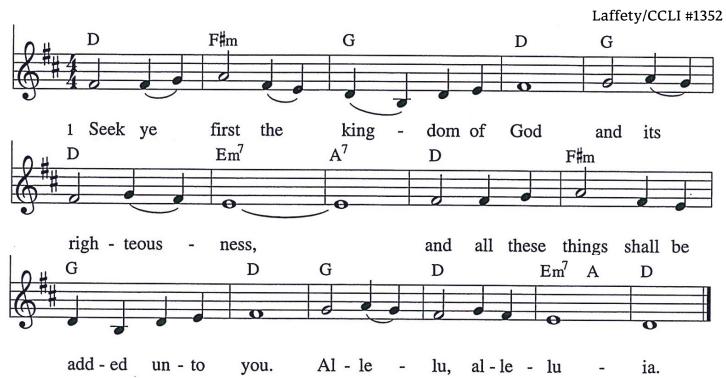
so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

We stand and face the cross as the Word is brought among us.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Seek Ye First



HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone

had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus

said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

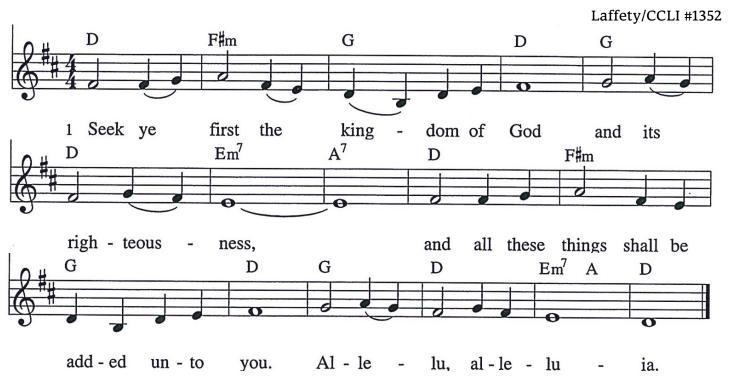
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We turn to face the altar as the cross leads us.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Seek Ye First



We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

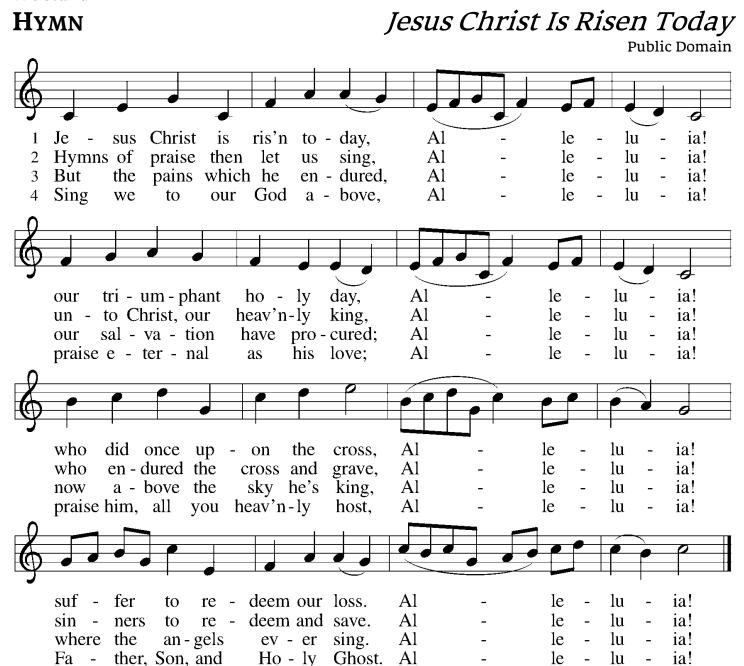
empty tomb

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.

We stand.



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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. *Amen.*

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

O Come to the Altar

Brown, Brock, Furtick/CCLI #7051511

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Bread of Life



OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.*

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. *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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia

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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.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

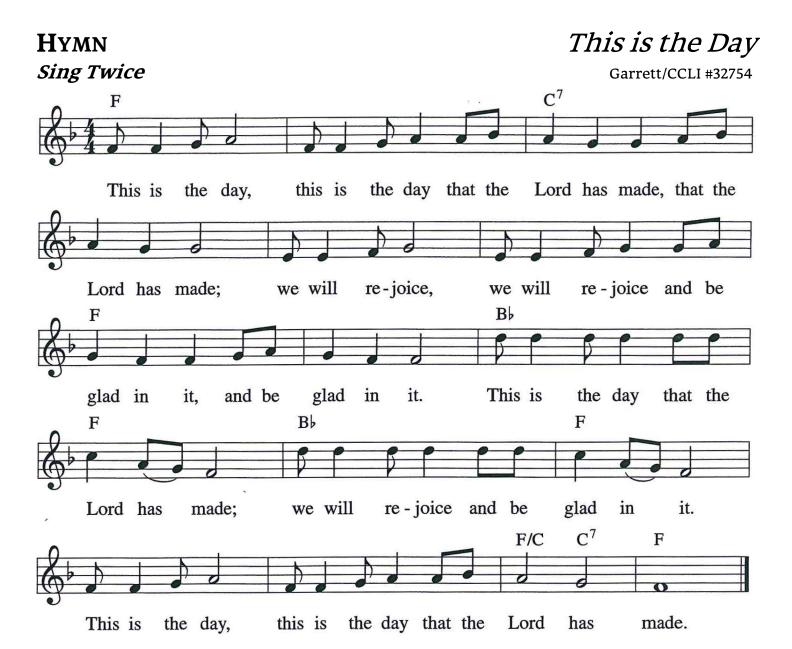
The God of all, who raised **†** Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. *Amen*.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

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Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



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

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

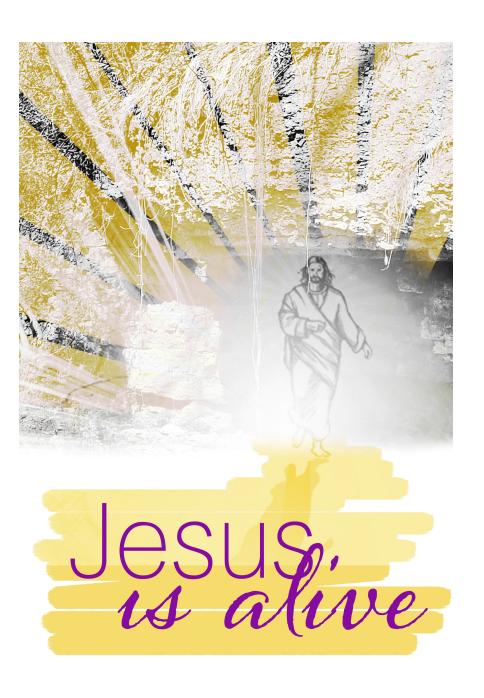
We follow the light of Christ into the world.

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.

We invite you to follow the procession outside to place the worship flowers the cross for all to see and know: He is alive!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy and Jamie's 25th wedding anniversary by Nancy and Jamie Addison.



Plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Food set-up and gathering will begin at 11 am. Tables will be set up for a covered dish lunch under the bus shed. The church will provide bottled water and juice boxes. Bring a picnic dish to share and a bag chair to hang out in. We will have a dedication for the new Pickleball court, music provided by Ryan Price, and games for all ages!

Casual dress for Worship that day!

^{*}In case of rain, event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.



THE PINEVIEW RURITANS CLUB SHOE DRIVE

Please donate new or gently used shoes. They can be adult, childrens, womens, or mens shoes. There is a box in the breezeway for you to drop the shoes in. The shoe drive will run through May 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Corley or Diane Boulware.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

04/06/2025

In person attendance 121 +live stream 129 = 250

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,889.18
Building Fund	Received	\$6,192.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$125.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of Bobby Carver by Danny & Jenny Scott, Mark & Janise Lewis, David Riley Family.



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Ronnie Fulmer	Blake Allen	
	Parker Boulware	David Marsh	
Crucifer:	Regan Gross	Brayden Rutherford	
Acolyte:	Chanler Coppens	Hayden Eargle	
Lector:	Allison Swygert	Scottie Marsh	
Communion Assts:	Kathy Cooper	Ronnie Fulmer	
Banner	Connor Eargle	Hayden Eargle	
Bible	Mackenzie Burns	Sheila Eargle	
Torch	Brayden Morris	Brayden Rutherford	
Torch	Hayden Eargle	Daryl Leigh Anthony	
Audio:	Blake Allen	Marie Gardner	
Video:	Breanna Metze	Brandon Donaldson	
Nursery:	Leah Rawl	Kay Bryant	
	Robin Machajewski	Larry Amick	
Flowers:	Addisons	Scotts	

SERVING IN APRIL

COUNCIL REP: Fran Bouknight

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Dennis Thurman, Susan Busby

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, *home*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Karly AddyBonnie BouknightChris CarrollRandy ClarkDebbie DuvalDebbie FulmerMichelle GanttJoye HaygoodFrankie JacksonDennis ThurmanMary Frances SeaseJim Whitaker

Wynne Price

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 Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant Max Schronce,

friend of the David & Scottie Marsh
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
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
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
Linda Starkey,

sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am FH: Easter Breakfast by the Youth

9:00 am Worship / Flowering the Cross

Monday, April 21st

2:00 pm Graveside Funeral for Bobby Carver at Woodridge

Tuesday, April 22nd

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm LIFE Group at Jacksons

Wednesday, April 23rd

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Dave & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)

12:05 pm OneBody

Saturday, April 26th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)