# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 4, 2018

# All Saints' Sunday

We remember Ardean Ewing, Ned Featherstone, Dot Holland, Billy Joye, Sr., Vivian Lane, and Jack Tench, members of Holy Comforter; and others who have died in the Lord since last All Saints' Sunday.

Micah Kearney Pastor



Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

#### WELCOME/GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C Amen.

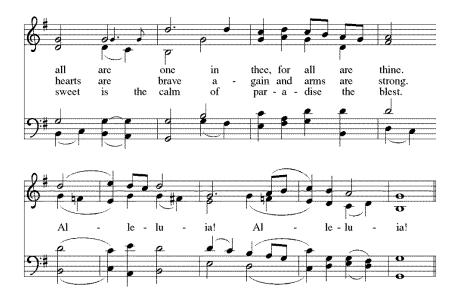
P One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

- P O God, our merciful redeemer,
- C we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for 4 his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C Amen.





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## **GREETING**

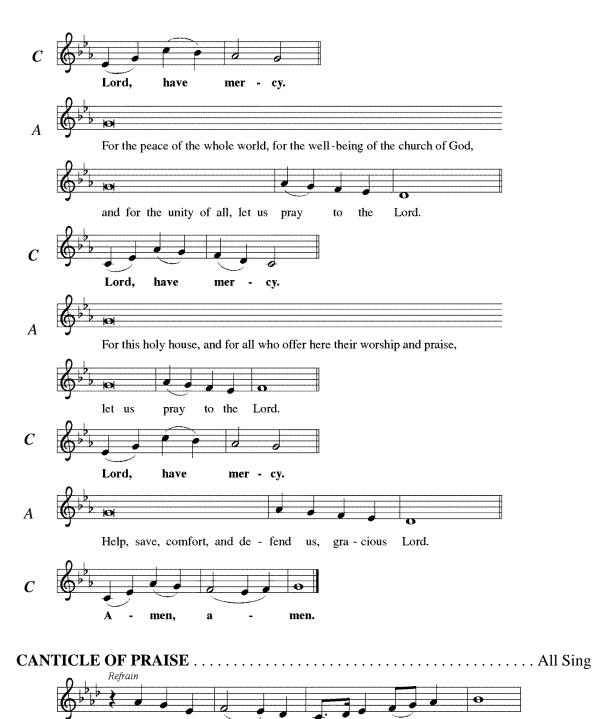
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

# C And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together immediately after the Children's sermon. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children birth through 3 years-old are invited to join others their age in the nurseries.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

- A The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

(Congregation turns to face procession and remains standing for Gospel & Gospel verse)

#### GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL John 11:32–44

- P The holy gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

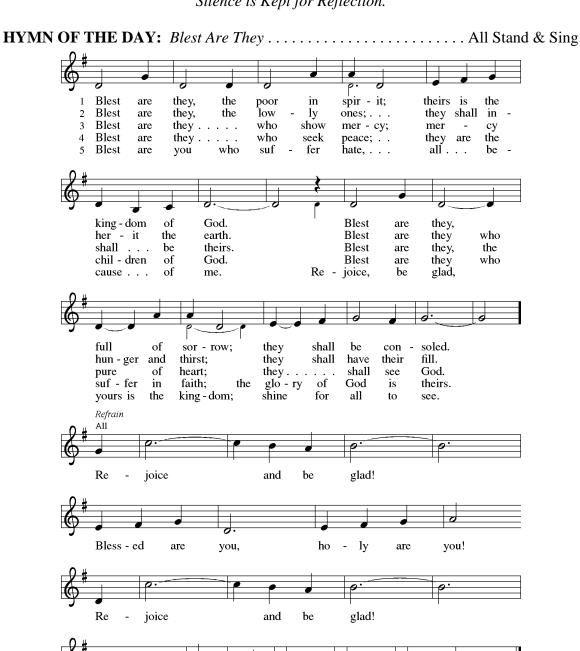
Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.



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### 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 people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief (*especially*). Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality. Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous: Ardean Ewing, Ned Featherstone, Dot Holland, Billy Joye, Sr., Vivian Lane, and Jack Tench, and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

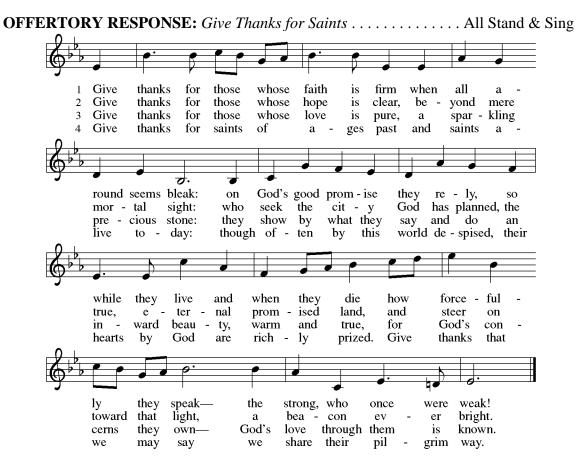
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

### **OFFERING**



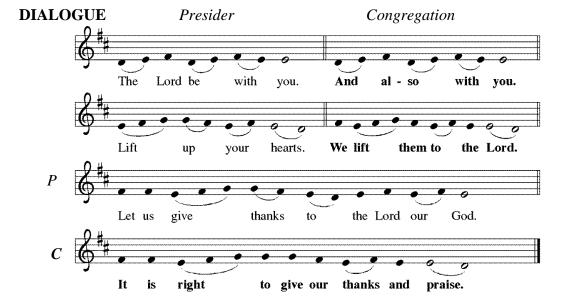


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#### OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

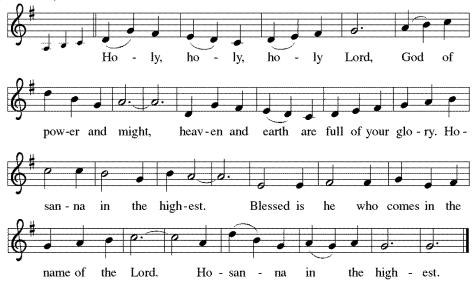
C Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **PREFACE**

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

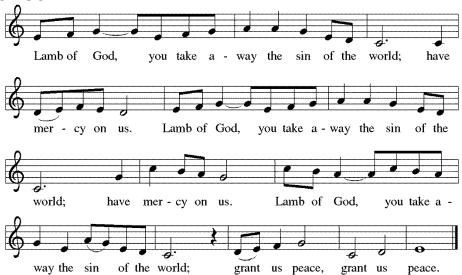
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

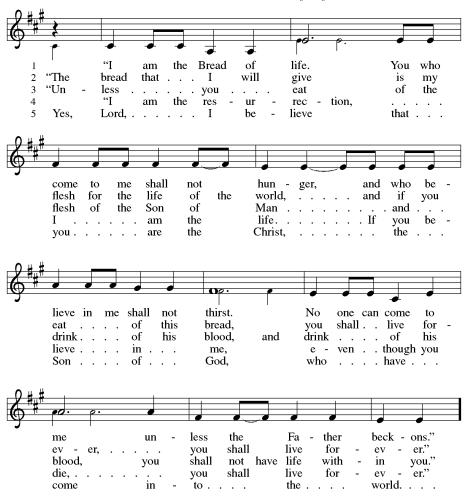
# **LAMB OF GOD**



#### **COMMUNION**

A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:** *I Am the Bread of Life.....* All Sing



# Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, And I will raise you up on the last day.

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Blessed are you Poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be fed.

Blessed are you who weep, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, exclude you, defame you, on account of the Son of man.

Blest are you, Rejoice! And leap for joy! Rejoice this day and sing for surely your reward is great; A promised day we all await, the Kingdom of the Lord!

I Am the Bread of Life . . . . . . Found on previous page #15

P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

C Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

P The love of God surround you; the grace of + Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* . . . . . . . . All Stand & Sing

Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky Oh, when the stars fall from the sky Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the stars fall from the sky.

Oh, when the trum-pet sounds its call Oh, when the trum-pet sounds its call Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the trum-pet sounds its call.

Oh, when the fire begins to blaze Oh, when the fire begins to blaze Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the fire begins to blaze.

Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, when the saints go marching in Oh, Lord I want to be in that number When the saints go marching in.

#### SENDING

- A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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<u>A CORDIAL WELCOME</u> is extended to all our visitors on this **All Saints' Sunday.** We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (infants through 3 years old) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.

**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.

**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Mark & Rebecca Yount in memory of John Yount.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

# Offering and Attendance Report for October 28, 2018:

Attendance: 150

Budget Report	October 28, 2018	Year-to-Date
Offering	\$ 7,987.00	\$ 226, 552.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	232,388.42
Offering less Expenses	\$ 2,435.83	(\$ 5,836.39)
Budgeted Expenses		\$ 238,700.44
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		(\$ 12,148.41)

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:** 

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye GREETER: Trudy Whitener

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: Volunteers

Volunteers

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Carmen De Nicholas

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 4)

Dean & Diann Halvorson, Co-Captains

NURSERY: (10:30-11:45 am)

Carmen Buell

Barbara Kasmer

Katie Howard

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

Bev Mauney Fran Holland

Sherry Alexander USHERS: Volunteers

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: ANTHEM ACCOMPANIST: Jo Irwin

Suzanne Fairbairn

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 4-10**

November 5 Debbie Mendez

November 8 Jim Buell November 6 Deborah Bray Jenn Kearney

Matthew Heilig

Wednesday, November 7

5:00 pm Youth Handbells

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study



## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

# Today, Sunday, November 4

8:45 am Children's Ensemble

9:30 am Sunday School

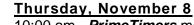
10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion

2:00 pm Confirmation

5:00 pm Handbells, HCY

6:00 pm Church Choir



10:00 am **PrimeTimers** meet at

Billy Graham Library

# Tuesday, November 6

7:00 pm Chamber Choir Nar-Anon



# Friday, November 9

6:00 pm HCY Lock-In drop off

# Saturday, November 10

8:00 am HCY Lock-in pick up 7:00 pm Staying Connected

Meet in Fellowship Hall to make care packages for college students

**REMINDER:** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18. Council nominations forms must be given to a council member or taken to the church office by today, November 4. Ballots for the council election will be handed out to the congregation at the annual meeting.



## PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Hailey Ange
Tim Baker
Cynthia Buchanan
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Sarah Tench Helms

Zac Hullander
Jo Irwin
Sue Lahr
Ben Moose
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Pat Roberson
Kathie Schaumburg

Scott Schaumburg Marguerite Shive Denise Taylor Beverly Reynolds Jo Singleton Jerri Wesson

## **GREATER FAMILY OF GOD**

Amy Beale Blythe Doug Brewer Ron de la Vega Carol Fox Larry "Poss" Garrett Ruth Lail Beverly Lineberger Jennifer Lineberger Ronnie Lunsford Clarence McLain

Susan Misner Anne Murdy Tommy Smith Brody Thornburg Dennis Yates

# **OUR SERVICEMEN**



Beau Carroll Tom Kasmer

Leo Kasmer

Colton Parker

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.







Ok, now I'm going to begin the push for exercise...we all need to exercise! Why does exercise matter? Because exercising burns calories, boosts your physical, mental and even financial well-being. How can that be? Listen to this: **Physically** – people who exercise have less risk of early death, lower blood pressure, lower risk of colon cancer and Type 2 Diabetes, can counter bone loss from osteoporosis, and can decrease their weight.

Exercise strengthens the heart, improves circulation and can increase your energy and stamina. **Mentally** – Exercise helps prevent depression because it gives a calming effect and can reduce muscle tension. People with limited mobility find quality of life improves with exercise. Ritualized exercise such as yoga or tai chi helps teach people to focus and develop mental discipline. **Financially** – Being sick costs money in the form of doctor's visits, prescriptions, lab tests, physical therapy, surgeries, etc. You have to take time off work or may need to hire a babysitter, housekeeper, or gardener or you may have to turn down promotions. Exercise helps keep you healthy! So...what have you got to lose? Let's get started now! Get out there and take a good long walk after church!

Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or parishnurse0407@gmail.com.

Hosted by your Parish Nurse and the Health Ministry Committee, sign up now for **CPR/first aid/AED** training to be held **on Saturday, November 17th from 9am-1pm**. Contact Teresa Keller, Parish Nurse, at 717-329-8507 or parishnurse0407@gmail.com. Save a life NOW!"



# **Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

> Micah Kearney, Pastor email: MicahKearney@gmail.com Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager