

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 8, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Consecration Sunday*



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *O, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Manz

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, ☩ one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

C Amen.

P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our maker and redeemer,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God ☩ forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Soli Deo Gloria* All Stand & Sing



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voice - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voice - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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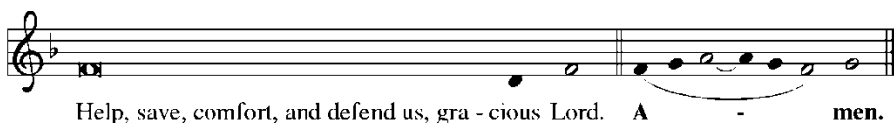
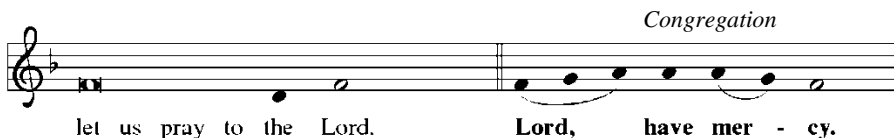
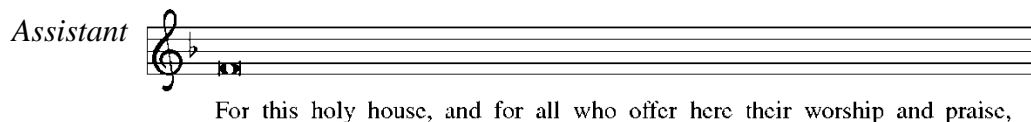
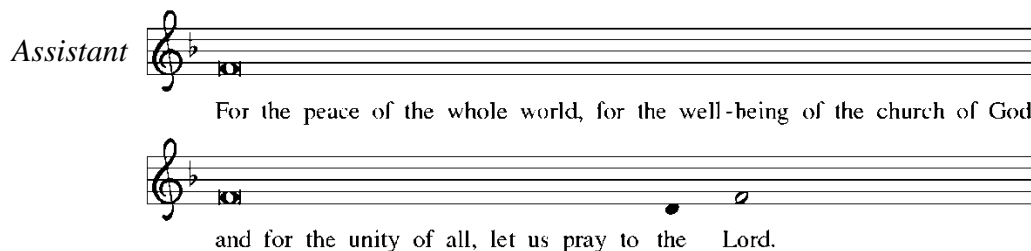
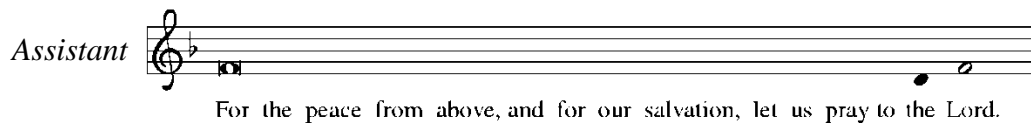
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P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.
C And also with you.

KYRIE

Assistant

Congregation



GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are scat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Congregation is seated and 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from the seventeenth chapter of 1 Kings.

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God’s saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate

for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 146 All Sing in Unison

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed**

down;

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the ninth chapter of Hebrews.

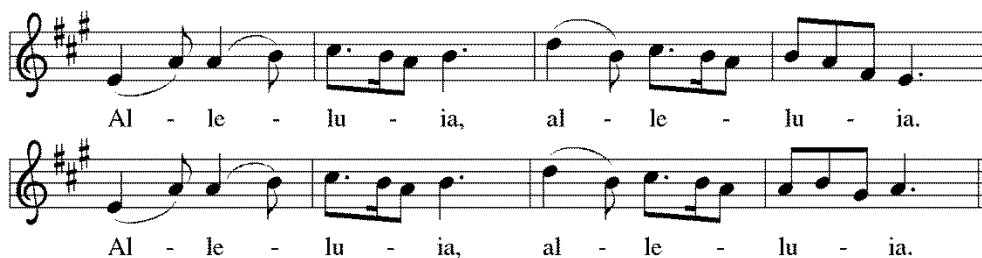
The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them,

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON..... Guest Speaker, Kay Conrad

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* All Stand & Sing

1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
 3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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.**

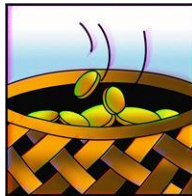
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Church Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Take My Life, That I May Be Consecrated Lord to Thee . .*
..... All Stand and Sing



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo

beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955

Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

Eternal God, you watch over the stranger. Be with missionaries serving in many lands. Give them compassion and grace as they embody your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creative God, you made heaven and earth. Move us to delight in the earth and care for it as you desire. Bless farmers and gardeners as they rest from tilling the fields. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you execute justice for the oppressed. Guide global economic and financial leaders and all politicians. Embolden them to create financial policies that embody your justice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, just as you set the prisoners free, liberate all who are bound by physical and mental chains. Grant healing and wholeness to suffering communities, families, and individuals (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abundant God, you uphold the orphan and the widow. Provide homes and love for all who are alone, neglected, or abandoned in our community. Open our hearts to care for all your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God, your steadfast love is endless. Keep us faithful to you and teach us through the witness of the saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Congregation is Seated

ESTIMATE OF GIVING

- *Estimate of Giving Cards* will be distributed and instructions will be given, as well as a bit of time for reflection and filling out the cards.
- Once instructed, families are invited to come forward and place their cards in the basket at the front of the church.
- Then everyone will exit quietly and proceed to lunch at 10 Catawba.
- Benediction will follow the meal.

Directions to 10 Catawba:

To get to 10 Catawba, take a left onto Main Street, and a left at the light at Catawba Avenue. The building will be on your right. Parking is available across from Glenway Pub (turn right onto Glenway Avenue) or at the old Belmont Federal Savings and Loan (continue on Catawba, then on your right), or along streets where available. It is also an easy walk to get there if you remain parked at the church.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**. 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. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



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 list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in a form online at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Linda Grimsley & Cher Grant in memory of James Grimsley; and by Jo & Harold Singleton in honor of the birthday of Harold's Aunt Jean Glover.

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

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, November 1, 2015:

Attendance: 151

Budget Report

November 1, 2015

Current Offering Received 11/1/2015	\$ 6,270.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,598.27
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$ 210,944.91
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 10,277.66
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	\$ 11,031.48

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr., Brian Achor

GREETER: Kathy Graves

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER: Need Volunteers

NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)
Misty Koehler & Ashley Ange

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Trudy Whitener + Helper

TELLERS: Sherry Alexander
John Koehler

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad Milton & Brandy Milton, Co-Captains
Donna Bean + Volunteer

USHERS: Volunteers Need

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 8-14

Today, November 8 James Buell

November 11 Ashley Ange
Richard Holden

November 12 Libby Joye



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, November 8

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
10:30 am The Service/Consecration
Congregational Meal
Church Council
5:00 pm **H**CY cooks meal, gives thanks
and makes goody bags" for
our shut-ins
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, November 10

12 Noon *Agape Lunch Bunch*
& Bible Study
7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

Wednesday, November 11

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study



Saturday, November 14

9 am-12 Noon Confirmation Class

NOMINATION FORMS for both the Church Council and NC Synod **are due today.**
Please give your forms to an usher or to a member of the church council.



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.
The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
David Dowd
Dot Holland

Holly Peche
Zac Hullander
Chase Lineberger
Marquerite Shive

Mark Reese
Beverly Reynolds
Anna Spike
Kevin Washle

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy
Harriett Ange
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Mike Butler
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine
Zachary Evans
Jorge Frank
Jamey Gardner
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison
Lewis Gilbert Family
Brian Hedrick

Stacy Hunsucker
Dennis Jordan
Steven Keating
Buddy Kircus
Marshall Kinley
Karin Larsen
Terry Mahaffey
Lynn McFarland
Al McCoy
Clay McCoy
Gene McRorie
Susan Nichols
Mark Outlaw
Alicia Overton
Ramesh Patel
Jean Peters

Beverly Howe Poag
Jim Poag
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Julio Quiros
Anna Rudder
Tangie Shingler
Megan Sigler
E. Taylor & Family
Carson Thomas
Gloria Ward
Pastor Gary Weant
Olivia Wilcox
Jeff Wiles

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek

Jason Gardner

Tom Kasmer
Jeremy Shaver

Alex Norris



Dillon Kasm
Leo Kas



Holy Comforter will be featured in the first annual ***Belmont's Historic Christmas Home Tour*** on **Sunday, December 6** from 1:00-6:00 pm. The tour will also include 5 historic homes all within walking distance of Holy Comforter. **Our church will be the first stop on the tour** so I need volunteers to help with registration and directing people. I need 20 volunteers from our church, 2 shifts of 10 volunteers each. Volunteer to work a 3-hour shift and spend the other 3 hours touring the historic homes for **FREE**.

On that day we will host live rehearsals from our Sanctuary throughout the afternoon. The schedule is as follows:

2-3 pm Children's Ensemble
3-4 pm Adult Handbell Ensemble
4-6 pm Church Choir

Our fellowship hall will serve as a "tea room" that afternoon.

Please email me if you are interested in volunteering! It is a great way to welcome the Christmas season and see the wonderful historic homes in Belmont.

Thank you, Misty Koehler
Mistypoehler@gmail.com
[704-266-0023](tel:704-266-0023)



Attendance November 1, 2015

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	2	1
Pre-K	5	2
Older Elementary	3	1
Lower Elementary	8	1
Middle School	5	3
Seekers & Adult Bible Class		14
Totals:	23	22

Katherine O. Conrad, Ed.D.

Kay Conrad has been an active Lutheran lay person all of her life and has served the church on national boards and synod committees. She has been vice president of the North Carolina Synod, President of N.C. Lutheran Church Women and Vice President for Development of Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas. She has been a stewardship consultant for many congregations in North and South Carolina. She currently assists the bishop's office of the North Carolina synod in the call process.

Kay is an active member of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem. She has three children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her late husband, Paul L. Conrad, was an ELCA pastor and her son is also an ELCA pastor.

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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

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Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster Mandi Kline, Christian Education

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager

Holy Doodles



