

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 11, 2018

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

GATHERING /WELCOME

PRELUDE: *This Is My Song* Sibelius

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, 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 for reflection and self-examination.

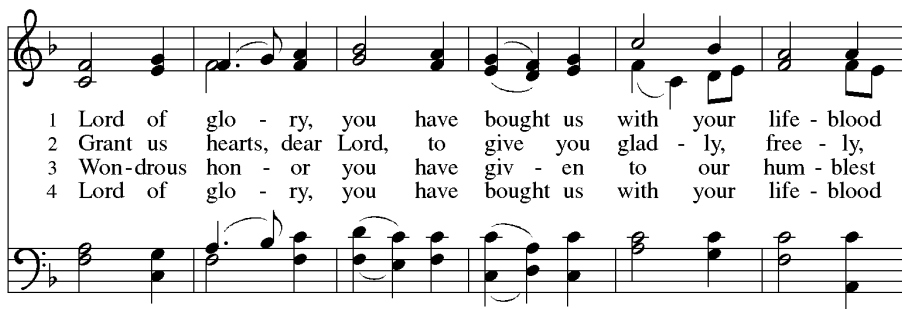
P O God, our merciful redeemer,

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. Amen.

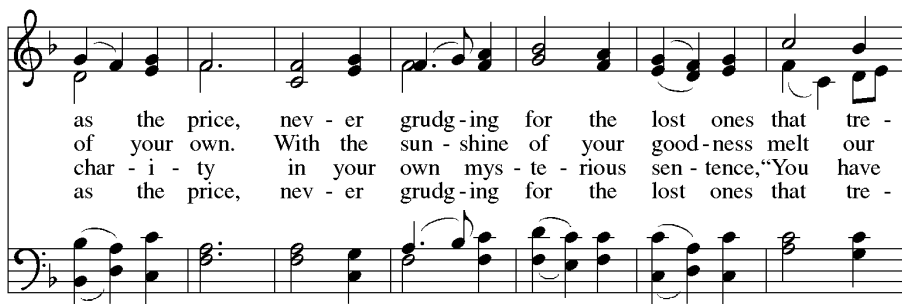
P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us All Stand & Sing*



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg-ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good-ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg-ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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

A

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C

Lord, have mer - cy.

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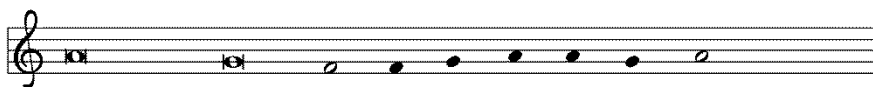
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C

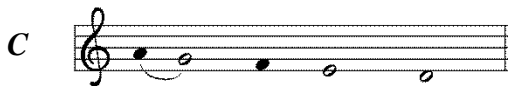
Lord, have mer - cy.

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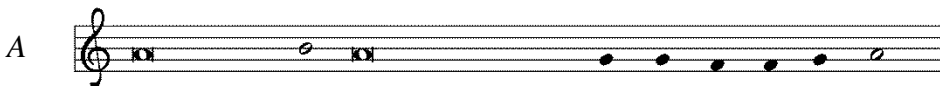
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



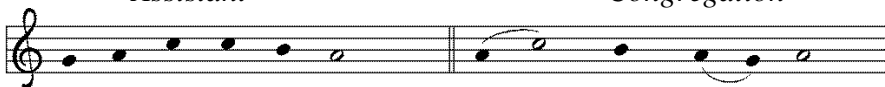
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

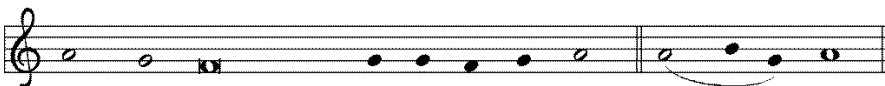
Assistant

Congregation



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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 seat-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 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

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1 Kings, the seventeenth chapter.

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

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.

**⁴When 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;**

**⁶who 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.**

**⁸The 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.**

**¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews, the ninth chapter.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

C **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.**

Congregation is seated.

SERMON Pastor Micah

Silence is Kept for Reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *For the Fruit of All Creation All Stand & Sing*


(The members of the Children's Ensemble come to the balcony during the singing of this hymn.)




1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - pair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Without Seeing You* Church & Children's Choirs

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create In Me* All Stand & Sing



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever mindful of the farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bow down to meet those who are trampled. Greet them with mercy, and give new life to those who feel overwhelmed or broken by discrimination, grief, or illness (*especially*).
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bind us together with the saints of every time and place until we join them around your throne. 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.

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.**

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, Happy Day* All Stand & Sing



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
self as Lord, and thou-sands meet in their new homewhich
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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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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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all our visitors on this **Twenty-fifth 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. 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 Debbie Mendez in honor of our veterans and active service men & women; and by Dianne Lail in honor of Joel Nichols’ birthday.

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 November 4, 2018:

Attendance: 157

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>November 4, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 6,528.57	\$ 232,915.60
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	237,209.26
Offering less Expenses	<u>\$ 977.40</u>	<u>(\$ 4,293.66)</u>
Expected (Budgeted) Expenses		<u>\$ 243,722.93</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		<u>(\$ 10,807.33)</u>

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Jim Buell

GREETER: Carmen Buell

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Volunteer

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

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 4)

Carmen Buell, Captain

Dean & Diann Halvorson

Barbara Kasmer

TELLERS: Rochelle & Danny Potter

USHERS: Volunteers

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 11-16

Today, November 11 Ashley Ange
Richard Holden
November 12 Greg Byrum
Libby Joye

November 15 Laurel Mauney
November 16 Dylan Fox
Bob Wiegand



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, November 11

8:45 am Children's Ensemble
9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir prep
10:30 am The Service
2:00 pm Adult Catechism class
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir

Wednesday, November 14

5:00 pm Youth Handbells
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Saturday, November 17

9:00 am-1:00 pm CPR Training
4:00 pm *Kids' Club*
Meet at the church

Tuesday, November 13

7:00 pm Chamber Choir
Health Ministry Meeting
Nar-Anon

REMINDER: The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 18**. Ballots for the council election will be handed out and vote taken at this meeting.

Thanksgiving/ Christmas Lunch Sunday, November 25th

Meat & drinks provided.
Congregation is asked
to bring a side dish and/or
a dessert.

Decorate the church after.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Hailey Ange
Tim Baker
Cynthia Buchanan
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Becke Featherstone
Ellen Fleming

Cher Grant
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.



Holy Doodles





FOLKLORE YOU SHOULD IGNORE

No disrespect to Grandma, but some of her time-honored tricks can be health risks. Check out the following: **“Put Ice On a Burn.”** Though it sounds logical, it can increase damage to the skin. A better solution is to soothe the burn with cold compresses. **“Keep a Cut Dry and Exposed So a Scab Can Form.”** Just the opposite...if there’s no scab, skin cells can better migrate along the wound surface, healing it more rapidly. Apply antibacterial ointment and cover with a bandage after cleaning the wound with warm soap and water. **“Wear a Hat or You’ll Catch a Cold.”** Colds are caused by viruses, not by chilly weather. The best way to prevent a cold is to stay away from persons who have one and to wash your hands frequently. **“Feed a Cold, Starve a Fever.”** When fighting an infection, your body needs more calories, not fewer. However, in either case, fluid intake is more important. Liquids help to clear the secretions and, because fevers make you sweat, you may lose more fluid than usual and need to replace it to avoid dehydration. Grandma is wise in many ways, but sometimes you need to ignore what she says!

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!"



Sunday School Attendance 11/4/2018

CLASS	KIDS	ADULTS
Pre-K	1	2
Upper Elementary	5	1
Lower Elementary	6	1
Teens	3	2
Seekers	1	10
Adults		6



November BCO Items Needed:



Oatmeal
+
Spaghetti
Sauce



Happy Belated Happy Birthday to:

Andrew Bryant, Declan Nance & Tom Nance.



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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

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager