

**PRAYER WORKS:** A ministry of prayer and care

Prayer Works is a weekly publication highlighting prayer requests of the Philadelphia congregation. Updates may be made via the Prayer Board in the narthex or by e-mail at philadelphialuth@charter.net Prayers will remain on list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern (11-13-2022)

**HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE**

Jean Keener.....Kingston Residence  
Joyce Kirkpatrick.....Home  
Susan Laney.....Grace Village

**ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS**

James Mc....Heart Catheterization; Tests.....Home  
Max & Joan Sherrill.....Heart Issue  
Anne H.....Health Issues  
Trish Y.....Treatments  
Linda P.....Marc Woodie's Aunt.....Cancer  
Faye Lail.....Janice Griffin's cousin....Stage IV Cancer  
David Dowler.....Janice Griffin's Cousin...Cancer;  
Stem Cell Replacement  
Meredith C.....Janice Griffin's Co-Worker's Daughter  
Cancer

**BIRTHS AND DEATHS**

Jason Spain.....Church Triumphant 11-3-2022  
Son of Bobby Spain & Sue Turnmyre Elder & Nephew of  
Max & Joan Sherrill

**FOR THE RECORD  
NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

Sunday School	14
Worship	42
General Fund Offering	2036.00
Building Fund	00.00
Bound Conscience	20.00
Other Contributions	91.23
Total Contributions	\$2147.23

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Ushers .....James McGee, Xander Callihan, Dale & Stacie Myers  
Greeter.....Dot Fairchild  
Acolyte.....Susan Woodie  
Crucifer.....Marc Woodie  
Tabulators.....Ron & Lisa Herman  
Altar Guild.....Mary Catherine Belk & Sharon Oxford

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
“CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE”  
NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

52 Pinewood Road  
Granite Falls, NC 28630  
Vicar Chris Bass

Kim Ledford, Interim Music Director

Judy Parker, Organist

We welcome you to our service today! May God richly bless you as you worship here. If you are visiting for the first time this morning, we ask that you please sign the guest register found in the front entrance of the church.

**WELCA**

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Thankoffering*



# ENCOUNTER GOD

V: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“PRAISE THE KING”

SCHRAM/HAYDN

*(Remain seated during prelude)*

**GATHERING: The Holy Spirit gathers us in Christ's name!**

**\*(You are invited to stand, facing the procession of the cross.)**

**\*GATHERING SONG: “LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”**

*Lord, I lift your Name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises*

*I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us*

*You came from heaven to earth, to show the way*

*From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat)*

**\*GREETING**

V: 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.**

Vicar: With one voice let us pray.....

***O God, with our whole hearts, we give you thanks. For your loving kindness and tender mercies, we give you thanks. For the bounty of the harvest, we give you thanks.***

***Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, we give you thanks. Amen.***

**\* Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.)*

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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*\*(Denotes when congregation stands.)*

***(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)***

# Witness

**\*DISMISSAL-ASSISTING MINISTER**

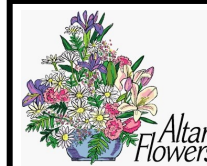
Go now to serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**We go in the name of Christ.**

POSTLUDE

PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

SHACKLY



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lawson Woodie 's Birthday by Marc & Susan Woodie*

*The sanctuary lamp is given to the glory of God and in memory of Helen Huffman by Mike & Kathy Fox*

## **Congregational Meetings**

**Sunday, November 27th—Votes to approve the 2023 budget, loan to pay for the chiller, and give authority to the council president and secretary to sign loan documents.**

**Sunday, December 18th—Election of 2023 council members**

## Advent Services

The church council and the music and worship committee reviewed the congregational choices about Advent and Christmas Eve services and have approved the following services and times.

- There will be Advent services at PLC on each Wednesday night during Advent beginning Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. PLC will provide a meal on the first and third Wednesdays and St. John's will provide a meal on the second and fourth Wednesdays.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight will be at 7:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day service will be a joint effort between the two congregations at Hickory Falls Care Facility.



The church office will be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving holidays.

## LORD'S PRAYER-SING

*Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.*

**SENDING:** *(God blesses us and sends us with gifts of grace in mission to the world.)*

### \*BLESSING

And now, may Almighty God, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

### \*SENDING SONG: “SHINE, JESUS SHINE”

*Lord the light of your love is shining.  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free from the truth you now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

(Refrain)

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.  
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Refrain)*

*Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, Shine on me. (Refrain)*

*As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me. Shine on me. (Refrain)*

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.  
We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.  
We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.  
We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.  
We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Restore our troubled spirits,  
so that we may live in newness,  
follow the way of the Spirit,  
and build up the body of Christ.  
Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*



# Believe

## FIRST READING

**JEREMIAH 23: 1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

A reading from the twenty-third chapter of 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 not fear any longer, 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 the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

**COLOSSIANS 1: 11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

A reading from the first chapter of Colossians

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving

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# Serve

**MEAL:** *(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ).*

**OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING** (Remain seated)

*(Giving to those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts.)*

*(This song is being used for the offertory today in lieu of our regular song to remind us that today is Thankoffering Sunday. There are special envelopes inside the bulletin that you may use for this special offering.)*

**OFFERTORY**

**"COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME"**

**DUET-LOU PERRY & RODNEY SETZER**

**\*"Come and See the Glory of the Lord"**

*(The pastor sings the first two verses.)*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room,  
He took the bread and blessed it as he said..  
"Here's my body broken for you".

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed. And then he said: "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sins away".

*(Congregation joins in singing)*

**Come and see the glory of the Lord, come before the Lamb**

**Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him**

**For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.**

**Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia....Lord!**

Vicar: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

**COMMUNION SONG**

**"GALILEAN HILLSIDE"**

**TAYLOR**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Assisting Minister: Called together as the body of Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and for all of God’s Creation.

*(A brief silence.....we kneel or sit.)*

For the church universal, and the whole body of Christ, called, gathered, and sent in your holy name. We pray,

**with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

For the beauty of creation, from the largest blue whale to the smallest bacteria and all that lives or breathes between. We pray,

**with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

For peace in the all the world, for leaders and activists who labor for justice, for the beloved community that pursues love at all costs. We pray,

**with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

For the opportunity to follow the way of Jesus, as we compassionately hear the cries of our siblings who are poor or oppressed in any way, give us courage to share the abundance of your earth, with all. We pray,

**with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

For the ELCA, our synod, and local congregation that we may be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus in a world that so desperately needs him. We pray,

**with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Vicar: Are there other intentions?

Vicar: For the faithful departed who now rest from their labors in eternal communion with you. We pray, **with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

Vicar: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE** *(We acknowledge one another with a bow or a nod...)*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.

<sup>15</sup>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 the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46**

**(SPOKEN IN UNISON)**

<sup>1</sup>**God is our ref-<sup>l</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>l</sup> help in trouble.**  
<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>l</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>l</sup> of the sea;**  
<sup>3</sup>**though its waters<sup>l</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble<sup>l</sup> with its tumult.**  
<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>l</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>l</sup> the Most High.**  
<sup>5</sup>**God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>l</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>l</sup> break of day.**  
<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the<sup>l</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>l</sup> melts away.**  
<sup>7</sup>**The LORD of<sup>l</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>l</sup> is our stronghold.**  
<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works<sup>l</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>l</sup> on the earth;**

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<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in <sup>1</sup>all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the <sup>1</sup>shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that <sup>1</sup>I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted <sup>1</sup>in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of <sup>1</sup>hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup>is our stronghold.

### V: \*HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 23: 33-43**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

The Holy Gospel according to the twenty-third chapter of Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>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!” <sup>38</sup>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 into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The congregation is seated.)*

### SERMON

VICAR CHRIS BASS

\*SERMON SONG: **“MAJESTY”**

*Majesty, worship His majesty, Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.  
Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings!*

**Vicar:** And now as we respond to God's Word, we confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed:

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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*