

We Remember in Prayer...

Shirley Smith - Aubree Price - Sylvia Stone - Jane Johnston - Jimmy Eargle -
Larry Kyzer - Randall Robinson - Betty Gilmore - Kenny Drafts - Betty Hunter -
Chris Jones - Frank Coyle - Bennie Horne - Charles Shealy - Alex Steele -
Misty Baggott - Faye O'Neal - Cy Grant - Carol Ann Green - David Lash -
Johnny Corley - Millie Cait Corley - Tony Brittain

Send a card to Homebound and care facility members...

Ellie Long (205 St. Paul's Church Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Peepsie Hendrix** (4236
Augusta Highway. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Carol Ann Green** (Columbia Presbyterian
Community #78 Room 232, 700 Davega Drive Lexington SC 29073) - **Delle Price**
(Lakeside Place Senior Living, 487 Hwy 378. Lexington, SC 29072. Room 303) -
Carl & Juanelle Swygert (505 Spool Wheel Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Helen Price**
(Lexington Extended, 815 Old Cherokee Rd. Lexington, SC 29072, Lexington Trace
Room 132-A) - **Virginia Cousins** (Saluda Nursing Center. 581 Newberry Hwy. Riley
Unit Room 319-A. Saluda, SC 29138) - **Rachel Price** (Lowman Home, PO Box 444,
White Rock, SC 29177) - **Jaye Snelgrove** (Hartford Retirement Village. 12196 East
State Hwy 52 Hartford, AL 36344) - **Bobby Cammer** (124 Rebecca Circle. Swansea,
SC 29160) - **LouVeria Price** (Lexington Extended Care, 815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Lexington, SC 29072, Crews Point Room 209A) - **Sam Johnson** (3310 Augusta
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- **Lona Hutto** (272 Harley Taylor Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054)

Remember our Military...

Ervin Baker - Chris Barefoot - Kevin Clowdis - DJ Hoover - Jeff Hoover -
Cody Hutto - Carter Lybrand - Todd Morgan - Ryan Shaw - Henry Hutto -
Christopher Welch - Ben Risher - Ben Schimek

*The flowers are given to the Glory of Our ONE GOD and in honor of
Josh and Erin's 6th Anniversary by Dale & Charlotte Swygert.*



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

We Bow Down

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Confession for the Forgiveness of Christ our Lord

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.
Amen.

Merciful God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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We Worship and Praise the Lord

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.**

Early in the morning, while it was still dark.

The women came to the tomb to find the stone rolled away!

Early in the morning, while it is still dark,

We come and find that God has rolled stones away.

Jesus is Risen! Jesus is living!

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Lord in your mercy. **Receive our prayer.**

God of healing, be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*Pastor shares names of members and friends in need of prayer.*) Inspire the prayers of those who worship here this morning. Lord in your mercy. **Receive 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.**

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.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His Peace. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. **Thanks be to God!**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.

Offering of our Gifts/Distribution

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

We Pray to the Lord and Offer our Gifts

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Lord in your mercy. **Receive our prayer.**

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Lord in your mercy. **Receive our prayer.**

Hope reigns eternal, Joy fills our hearts!

Jesus is Risen! Jesus is living!

Love is our mission! Grace is our word!

Early in the morning, evenings while it is still dark,

The light of the resurrected Christ shines on!

He is Risen!

He is Risen, Indeed, Alleluia!

Let us pray together... **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time for Worship!

We Hear God's Holy Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "**I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.**" And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "**These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews** ²¹ **and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to**

adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ **About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.** ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, **“Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”** ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, **“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”** ³¹ They answered, **“Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”** ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading **Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**
¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” **And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.** ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel **John 17:20-26**
Jesus prayed: ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ **that they may all be one.** As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, **so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**” ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, **so that they may be one, as we are one,** ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, **so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

<u>We Hear God’s Word for Daily Living</u>		
Sermon	<i>Deacon Deborah Poole</i>	
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