

We Remember in Prayer...

Betty Gilmore - Chris Jones - Bennie Horne - Johnny Corley - Neil Shealy - Carol Hall - Rebekah Tinman - Charles Shealy - Linda Price - David Morris - Shannon Pytel - Halee Gray - Angela Smith - Wayne Burns - Cody McGinty - Tamera Butler - Clint Parnell - Jim Hodges - Emily Jones - Leo Craps - Margie Kneece - Robert Rikard - Perry Miller - Dean Smith - Jackson Caulder - Ricky Ricard - Jonny Thompson - Waylon Lybrand - Trevor Mathias - Larkin Corley - Maurice Rae Derrick - Charles Fulmer

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

Ellie Long (205 St. Paul's Church Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Carol Ann Green** (Columbia Presbyterian Community #78 Room H-10, 700 Davega Drive Lexington SC 29073) - **Delle Price** (Lakeside Place Senior Living, 487 Hwy 378. Lexington, SC 29072. Room 404) - **Carl & Juanelle Swygert** (505 Spool Wheel Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **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) - **LouVeria Price** (Lexington Extended Care, 815 Old Cherokee Rd. Lexington, SC 29072, Room 238A Spence Place) - **Sam Johnson** (3310 Augusta Hwy. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Brenda Keisler** (2220 Priceville Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Lona Hutto** (272 Harley Taylor Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054) - **Margie Kneece** (117 Summers Rd. Gilbert, SC 29054)

Remember our Military...

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 God and in honor of Barrett Caughman's 4th Birthday by Pam Nichols and Janice Price.



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Welcome and Announcements

Song *You are the Rock of My Salvation* **W&P #161**

We Confess our Sins and Receive Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

Song *The Church Song* **W&P #135**

We Worship and Praise the Lord

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Built on a Rock, the Church will stand,
Jesus is God's only begotten Son!
 Built on a Rock, the Church will stand,
Jesus is the Messiah, all powerful, almighty King!
 Built on a Rock, the Church will stand,
Jesus is Son of our living, reigning God and Father!
 Built on a Rock, the Church will stand,
Foundation of our faith is the Father, Risen Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Into your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the healing name of our living Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Go into the world in Jesus' Name. Breathe new life. Dream dreams. Pursue visions. Speak of the goodness of our God. May our Father give you hope in your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your Holy advocate, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace. In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn *Son of God, Eternal Savior* **ELW #655**

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayers for the Church

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for the foundation stone of Christ our Lord. Thank you for raising us up to stand on the confession of our faith. Thank you for lifting us high to sing our praises with angels and saints. Build your Holy Church on the faithful words and deeds of your sons and daughters. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, thank for the foundation stone of grace. Thank you for raising us up to stand on the holy body and blood of your forgiveness. Thank you for lifting us high to hear your words of passion and love from your holy cross. Build your Holy Church on the faithful words and deeds of your sons and daughters. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, thank you for the foundation of wind and fire surrounding your children. Thank you for fonts and flowing waters that welcome us in holy baptism. Thank you for lifting us high to enjoy light in our darkness, strength in our weakness, living faith in our fears. Build your Holy Church on the faithful words and deeds of your sons and daughters. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, Son and Spirit, hear us as we pray for the concerns on your children’s hearts (*Pastor prays for national, local concerns and the needs of members and friends*) Build your Holy Church on the faithful prayers of your sons and daughters. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation, by water and the Word,
From heaven He came and sought her to be His Holy bride,
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life He died!**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the three in One,
with mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won,
Oh, blessed heavenly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace;
That we, like saints before us, may see you face to face!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together. **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Sermon

We Hear God’s Holy Word

Scripture Lesson **Isaiah 51:1-6**
¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, **for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.** ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Romans 12:1-8

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Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “**Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

We Hear God's Word for Daily Living

“See Rock City!”

Pastor Matt Lash

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Sharing the Peace

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