



Service for the Lord's Day

November 14, 2021 11:00 a.m.

25th Sunday after Pentecost



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Lamb of God" arr. Tim Doran

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God.

That being close to you, we will understand your hope for creation.

Weave us into one, Sweet Savior of all.

That living your ways, we will create communities of faith and peace.

Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal.

That treasuring the past, we will boldly shape the future.

Weave us into one, Holy One in Three

Gather us in this day, that we might gather strength as we worship you!

*Hymn 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Creator of all that is,

Donor of Grace and giver of Life, hear our prayer:

There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 583 "Glory to God" GLORIA

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the Old Testament Joel 2: 21-27 (O.T., p. 847)

Reading from the New Testament Matthew 6: 25-33 (N.T., p. 6)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Be Glad and Rejoice" Susan Warren

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Minute for Mission Harry Lockhart

Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Choral Anthem	"Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care"	Carl Schalk
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication		
*Hymn 643	"Now Thank We All Our God"	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
*Charge & Benediction		
*Hymn 564	"Amen"	AMEN
Postlude	"Festival Piece on Nicaea"	arr. Jerry Westenkuehler
Depart in Peace		

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Our liturgist today is: **Donna Goodrich**

Prayer Requests

Prayers for: Genevieve Patterson and her family; Kevin's friend, Ricardo, asks for prayers for Adrian who has suffered a traumatic brain injury from an ATV accident; Jim & Betty Scott, Susan Durant, Kriis Zeps and Rue Wallace.

These prayer requests were posted by the community on the whiteboard in front of the church:

- Pray for victims at Houston Concert.
- Refugees from Afghanistan, Haiti, South and Central America.
- Prayers are asked for our fallen, broken world; for a new heaven and a new body.
- A neighbor reminds us to seek wisdom, knowledge & understanding, and to love our brothers & sisters.

This morning we welcome Rev. Susan Warren, who retired as senior pastor at Beaumont Presbyterian in 2016. Since then Susan has traveled, gardened, locked down, emerged, and enjoyed visiting with two granddaughters, 5 and 2, who live in New York. In her "spare time," she chairs a presbytery commission, served as campaign press secretary for Mayor Linda Gorton, and serves as a fellow of the Commonwealth Policy Institute, an arm of the Lexington Women's Network, in addition to regular supply preaching. Susan is a second career minister, the first being a reporter at the Capitol in Frankfort for 20 years.

Sunday, November 28, is the beginning of Advent. The Hunter Advent Booklet will be available for your use during the Advent season today and the next two Sundays, November 21 & 28. You may pick up your copy in the Narthex or in the hallway outside the Library. For those not coming to in person services, you may pick up your copy according to the schedule printed in the November newsletter.

Plastic Bottle Tops. For quite some time, Hunter has provided support for the bottle top project at St. Raphael's Church. The recycled bottle tops were used to make park benches. The company who made the park benches is no longer in business, and so for now the collection of bottle tops at Hunter is on hold. Please do not bring bottle tops to Hunter until we have explored other options for them.

It's time to think about donations for The Jackson Christmas Store. Help provide some Christmas cheer for those less fortunate in Breathitt County. You can donate good as new housewares, games, toys, books, children's clothes, etc. These become Christmas presents so only items that are new or gently used, please. You can put your donations in the designated blue barrel outside the kitchen by **Wednesday, November 17**. Thank you!

Save the Date! On Sunday 12th December, two special events will be taking place:

- 1) At the conclusion of the 11am worship service, we will move downstairs to the Fellowship Hall for a dedication of the kitchen renovations and to thank all who helped with the work.
- 2) Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be unable to hold our annual Christmas lunch. Instead (after the dedication) we will be distributing goody bags to the congregation. If you are unable to attend worship on that Sunday, your goody bag will be delivered.

We hope to assemble 60 goody bags to distribute to members and friends of the church. If you would like to provide some cookies, snacks or small Christmas ornaments for these bags, please contact Ruth Beattie at rebeat1@uky.edu or 859-421-2650.

If you would like to talk with Ray Mendenhall, he can be reached at 859-940-1735 or you can email him at: rwmend@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who shared in leading today's service: Hyunjin Kwak, Allen Fletcher, Donna Goodrich and Val Zeps.

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