



**July 25, 2021**

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 12**

## Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

Welcome! We're glad you're here. Masks are encouraged but not required for those who have been vaccinated.

### Opening Hymn

*All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Standing

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate.

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

## The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated for the lessons.*

## The First Lesson

**2 Kings 4:42 - 44**

A reading from the second book of Kings:

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the work of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 145: 10 - 19

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,  
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

All your works praise you, O LORD, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**Introduction to the Lesson**

*Paul prays that Christ may dwell in the hearts of the believers at Ephesus and that they may know the fullness of Christ's love.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**The Mission of Holy Comforter**

**Love God, Love Others**

**Serve God, Serve Others**

# The Gospel Hymn

*Glorify your name*

1. Fa - ther, we love you, we wor-ship and a-dore you, glo - ri-fy your  
2. Je - sus, we love you, we wor-ship and a-dore you, glo - ri-fy your  
3. Spir - it, we love you, we wor-ship and a-dore you, glo - ri-fy your

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, and the bass clef staff contains the accompaniment. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

name in all the earth; glo - ri-fy your name,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note followed by a quarter note, then a quarter rest, and finally a half note. The bass staff continues with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

glo - ri-fy your name, glo - ri-fy your name in all the earth.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note and a quarter note, followed by a double bar line. The bass staff continues with chords and moving lines, also ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

**Introduction to the Lesson**

*Jesus feeds an enormous crowd that has come to hear him. This miracle foreshadows both the Eucharist and the heavenly banquet to come.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen



## **Payers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Frank our Bishop; and all  
bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Intercessions  
for healing) Hear us Lord  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life. For those with  
special celebrations (Intercessions for thanksgiving). We will exalt you,  
O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your  
eternal kingdom. (Intercessions for the departed) Lord, let your loving  
kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

## The Confession and Absolution

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

## Offertory Hymn

*Make me a channel of your peace*

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace.      Where  
2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace.      Where  
4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace.      It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love.      Where  
there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope.      Where  
is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,      in

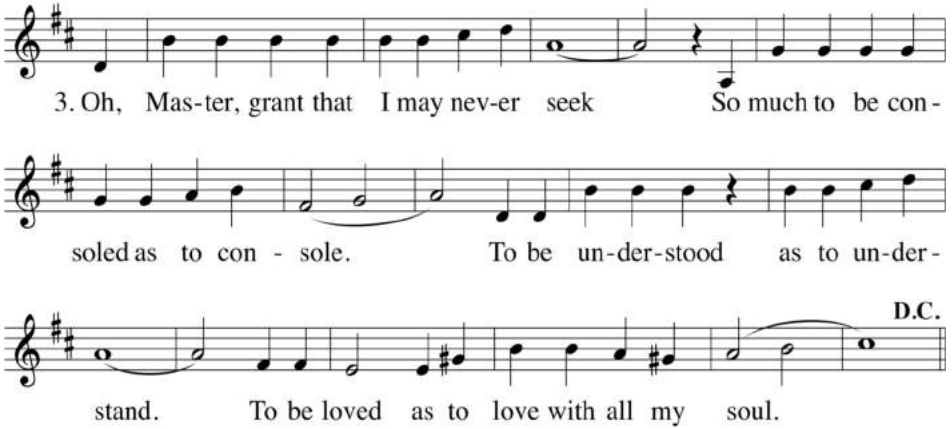


there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord,      And  
there is dark - ness, on - ly light,      And  
giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive,      and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.  
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-  
soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-  
stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.

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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A** *Also found on page 361 in The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**Celebrant:** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took

the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: *Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*  
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving communion:** At this time we are only offering altar bread, not wine.

**Gluten Free Communion Bread:** If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for Gluten Free bread when you come to receive.

# Communion Hymn

*Surely it is God who saves me*

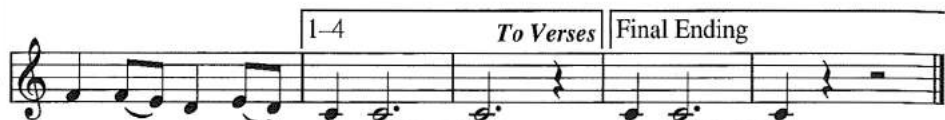
## *Refrain (Repeated at end)*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in Him and not be a-



fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and



He will be my Sa - vior, Sa - vior.

## *Verses*



1. There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing



from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, give



thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name;



2. Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re-mem-ber that his



name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord, for He has done great

*To Refrain*

things, and this is known in all the world.

3. Cry a - loud in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on,

ring out your joy, for the great one in the

*To Refrain*

midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Please stand and remain standing through the closing hymn*

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

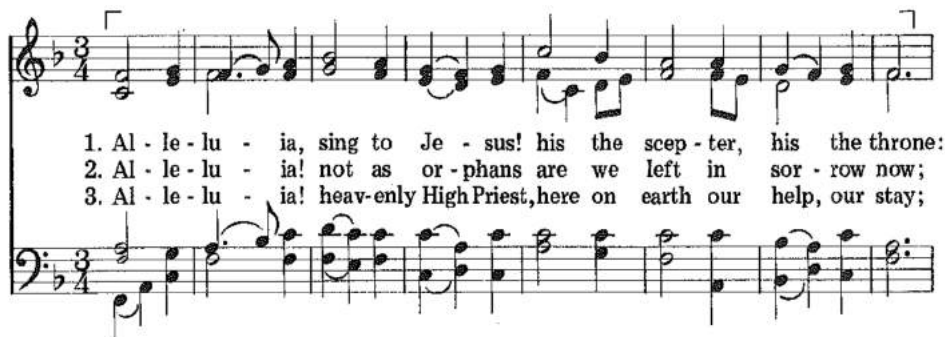
*(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to help the clergy with the dismissal.)*

Priest: Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## Recessional

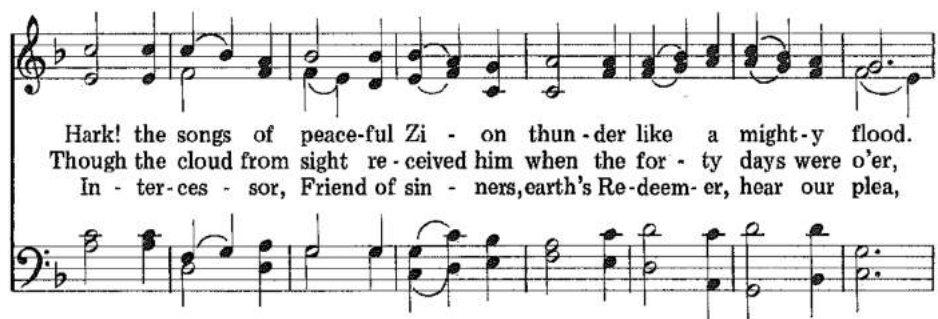
*Alleluia, sing to Jesus*



1. Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus! his the scepter, his the throne:  
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
3. Al - le - lu - ia! heav-enly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the triumph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor ques-tions how.  
Al - le - lu - ia! hear the sin - ful cry to you from day to day.



Hark! the songs of peace-ful Zi - on thun-der like a might-y flood.  
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,  
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea,



Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, has re - deemed us by his blood.  
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.



## ***Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!***

**Our first joy** is to welcome our guests and newcomers. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Please sign our guest register.

**Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter?** Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News*

### **Where Jesus Walked**

**Holy Comforter is offering its second pilgrimage to the Holy Land** next year, lead by the rector, Cynthia Taylor along with The Rev. Donald Fishburne. May 11-20, 2022. This pilgrimage is not just for our church but for anyone who wants to experience the spiritual trip of a lifetime. We will prayerfully visit The Galilee, including Magdala, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and more. If you wish, you can take an optional extension to Petra in Jordan and other sites. Pick up a brochure in the foyer for more information.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**We will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks** on Sunday, August 8 at our 10:30am worship service. Bring your school backpacks to be blessed. All participants will receive a gift for the school year. This is for *all* persons involved in the ministry of teaching and for *all* ages. Additionally, bring school supplies which we will share with our partner, Martinez Elementary School.

### **Blessing of Expectant Parents**

**It is our great joy to offer The Blessing of Expectant Parents** on Sunday, August 22 during our 10:30 am service. If you would like to be part of the service, contact the church office at 706-210-1133.

### **Save the Date—Bishop's Visitation**

**The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue** will make his first official visit to Holy Comforter as our new bishop of the Diocese of Georgia on All Saint's Sunday, November 7. We will be offering the Sacrament of Confirmation at that time. Confirmation is when a person formally joins the Episcopal Church. Classes for those who wish to be confirmed or who desire just to learn more about the Episcopal Church will be offered this fall. More details soon.

## **Welcome Back to Vivian Vaiden**

**It is our delight to welcome back** Vivian Vaiden as our guest musician while Brad Green is on vacation! Vivian is also our Church Administrator. Glad to have you with us.

## **Holy Comforter Choir Resumes**

**It's been a long time since** we've been able to have choir rehearsals! We are restarting our choir on Wednesday, August 4. If you love to sing and want to be part of our choir, contact our Music Director, Dr. Brad Green at [dr.blgreen@gmail.com](mailto:dr.blgreen@gmail.com) or call 1-806-283-4495.

## **Book Club**

**We are having an organizational meeting** for the book club on Wednesday, August 11 at 10am in the church Parish Hall. We will discuss when, where, and how often to meet. Participants are asked to bring suggestions of fiction and nonfiction books to consider. We ask that they have a spiritual component for discussion. Any questions can be directed to Mary Kelly at [marykelly919@comcast.net](mailto:marykelly919@comcast.net) or 206-859-8418.

## **Altar Bread**

**The church is in need of volunteers** to help make altar bread for each Sunday. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to volunteer. Please add your contact information (email and cell #) and a reminder will be sent. Questions? Contact Linda Barger on at [lhbarger@gmail.com](mailto:lhbarger@gmail.com).

## **Ways to Give**

You can make a gift to Holy Comforter in a variety of ways:

- Use the Square Reader in the foyer for debit/credit cards
- Go to our website, click giving and use Pay Pal
- Make checks out to Holy Comforter and/or give cash and put it in the offertory plate on Sunday.
- Remember Holy Comforter in your will.
- For those with an IRA account, consider using your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as a way to give.
- All gifts are tax deductible

## Prayers of the People

*Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.*

**For those in need of healing:** Theo Selfridge, Browning Bargeron, Les Woodcock, and the family of Alice Jones

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Griff Kelly, Lou Scales, Rick Mahaffie, Susan Padgett, and Scotty Nead

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** John and Sara Lue, Trevor and Brooke Belair

**Thanksgiving for our partnership** with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, and 143 Ministries.

**For those who are homebound:** Donna Garvey and Joan Jackson

**For the safety of** all those who serve abroad, including Will Liebel.

**For the departed:** Alice Jones

## Missions and Prayer

**Prayer Shawl Ministries:** Make them at home or come to the church every Tuesday at 10 am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

**Ministering to the needy of Columbia County.** We need toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, detergent, feminine needs, dish wash, soap, and shampoo. Place those items in the kitchen in the marked container. And thanks!

## June Financial Report

Actual Revenue as of June 30, 2021	\$172,375.73
Actual Expenses as of June 30, 2021	<u>\$167,052.76</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of June 30, 2021	\$5,322.97

## Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Reader  
Altar Guild  
Altar Bread  
Ushers  
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor  
Pam Vanscoy  
Linda Bargeron  
Karen Sheppard  
Linda Bargeron  
The Cardinal's  
Pam Vanscoy

### *Staff*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Taylor, Pastor  
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator  
Lara Fort, Financial Secretary  
Dr. Brad Green, Music Director

### *Vestry*

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Mallory Halterman, Bill Liebel (Class of 2023)  
Tab Carter, Pam Vanscoy (Class of 2024)

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