



Christ Lutheran Church

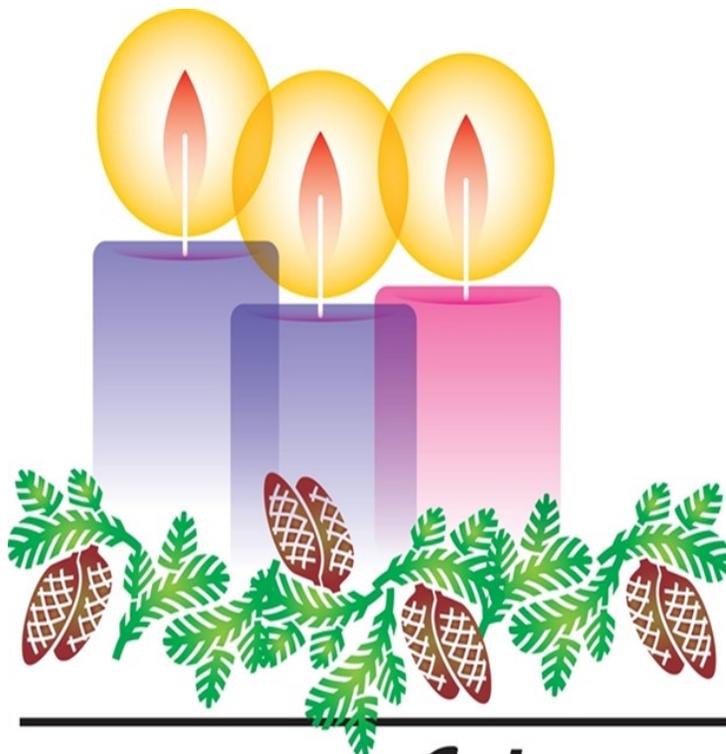
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Welcome, All Who Are Seeking God's Love.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Reverend Juli Patten, Pastor

December 12, 2021

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Beach Church LIVE 8 AM North Beach

Sanctuary Service LIVE 1030 AM

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/nhlQ38pcwTc>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christlutheransc/videos/363583254997104/>

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Christ Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, socioeconomic circumstances or anything that too often divides us.

We are committed to worshiping God, nurturing and caring for one another and equipping our members for witness and service in the world.

Confessions and Forgiveness (All may make the sign of the cross)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is
for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material
wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

E Pule Kakou

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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.

An Evergreen is Like a Prayer

An evergreen is like a prayer that brightens every season.

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A joyful prayer at Jesus' birth,

A hopeful prayer for peace on earth,

An evergreen is like a prayer that brightens every season.

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A gift of green warmed by the sun,

A gift of joy for everyone,

An evergreen is like a prayer that brightens every season.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading (Read by Assistant)

Assistant: *The Lord is risen! The word is alive.* / **God will meet us on our journey.**

A Reading from Zephaniah the third chapter. (Zephaniah 3:14-20)

14Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! 15The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

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a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. 19I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. 20At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

³**With joy you | will draw water
from the wells | of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name | is
exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;
let this be known in | all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

Special Music

*Russell Crabtree & Kenneth Haro
(1030 AM Service)*

Second Reading (Read by Assistant)

A Reading from Philippians (Philippians 4:4-7)

Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns with the hope that they will experience God's joy and peace..

The word of the Lord / **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting
Banburry Cross Music created by Dee Goodfellow

ADVENT 3 – Joy

Pastor:

This week we continue the joyful anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus, the Christ: The third candle of Advent bathes us in the light of joy. Our hearts are made glad because God has visited us at Bethlehem, and remains with us always.

Last Sunday we lit the candles of Hope and Peace and continue their flame this week as God's promises never fade.

Assistant lights candles

May your hearts be filled with Joy as you hear the good news. The Savior is coming!

All:

Amen.

Reading 1:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory forever. Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of the blessed Mary; grant strengthened hearts to those who have seen your glory as we prepare for the coming of the Lord, for he is our joy and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Reader takes the candle lighter and lights one purple candle.

Pastor:

Let us pray: Holy God, we confess that we struggle to feel the joy of your presence among us, uncover our eyes to see the light. Whatever our circumstances today, O God, may we be filled with the divine joy of your presence, and bless us, your children, who long for your coming. In the Messiah's name.

All:

Amen.

Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation (Sung by Soloist)

Alleluia. I am sending my messen- / ger before you, who will prepare your / way before you. Alleluia. Alleluia (Matthew 11:10).*

The Holy Gospel According to Luke the Third chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

7John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

10And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” 11In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” 12Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” 14Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

18So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Reverend Juli Patten

Awake, Awake and Greet the Newborn



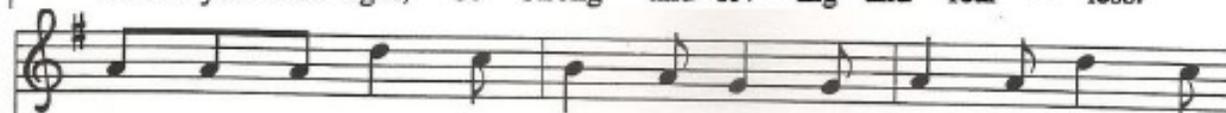
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear. Em -
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing:
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of Intercession

E Pule Kakou (Let us Pray)

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

(A brief silence.)

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your Spirit brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Breathe life into us, that we are inspired to live in harmony with one another and the planet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shepherding God, you lead your people in paths of righteousness. Raise up prophets in our own day who warn against captivity to greed and point us to the freedom found in generosity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing God, you come near in times of worry and need. Cradle us in your arms, that we trust you and are not afraid. Attend to any who are hungry, imprisoned, or ill this day.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing God, you exult over us in singing. Enliven the song of this assembly and bless the ministry of church musicians. With instruments and dance, join our voices to the song of all creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Please send new and continuing prayer requests to: pastor@clcsancllemente.org

Prayer Requests & Prayer Board

MaryAnn Z., Tom G., Brad & Kathy Smith, Lynn M., Bill F., Loren Major, Jeff, Jo, Austin, Asher, Joe P, Al M., Paula M., John Jr. Denise S., Anne W., Carmen, Shannon, Marie's grandchildren, Freddie M., Chris, Carson, Naomi, Cathy, Margaret A., Shawn D., Helen, Gloria, Annie, Jane P., Jenny

Prayer Board: Chris, Larry and Corin, Ed, Amber, Murphy, Arlene, Christine, Natalia, Larry, Megan, Nick and Family, Bobby and Family, Margaret, Rachel, Joyce, Shawna and Billie Paige, Bruce, Richard Hovel, Matty Hunt, Juno family, Renee Ballesteros, Homeless, Charity, Brent (oh my), Jessica Garrison, Jason Bley, Those who ignore rapists, abusers and thieves,

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace. By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you .

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Peace (please do not leave your seat but do embrace those in your pod & wave or sign peace with those around you)

Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.



MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering of Gifts (a basket is available for your gifts when you leave worship)

You are invited to give at [https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)

If you would like to have your end of year givings count for 2021 taxes please have them in by Sunday, December 26, 2021. Also, please let us know if you have updated your address.

Offering Prayer (assistant reads)

E Pule Kakou

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

(All may make the sign of the cross) +

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

*Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord. And unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen***

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people throughout the world.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...



The Lord's Prayer



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.

Invitation to Communion

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

(Individual all in one cups as well as Gluten free and grape juice options available)

Communion Prayer (Read by Assistant)

E Pule Kakou

Most High God,

you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,

sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,

through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. **Amen.**

Announcements

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5pm Advent Soup Supper and Evening Prayer 5:30 Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 Finance Meeting	2	3 Pastor's day off	4
5 <i>Sunday Services North Beach</i> 8 AM Asst: <i>Judy F. Sanctuary</i> 1030 AM Asst: <i>Ruth</i>	6 Pastor in Tennessee 12/6-12/8	7	8 5pm Advent Soup Supper and Evening Prayer	9 9:30 Chapel Pastor in Utah 12/9-12/11 9:30 Chapel WELCA 4 PM zoom	10 Pastor's day off	11
12 <i>Sunday Services North Beach</i> 8 AM Asst: <i>Lynn H Sanctuary</i> 1030 AM Asst: <i>Donna</i>	13	14	15 9:30 Chapel Laundry Love 2-5 Pm 5pm Advent Soup Supper and Evening Prayer	16 9am Saddleback Conference Meeting	17 Pastor's day off	18
19 <i>Sunday Services North Beach</i> 8 AM Asst: <i>Nancy P Sanctuary</i> 1030 AM Asst: <i>Mary Frances</i>	20 Council Meeting 4:30 PM Preschool Holiday Break 12/20-12/31	21 Blue Christmas/ Longest Night Service 7pm	22 5pm Advent Soup Supper and Evening Prayer <i>Book Club</i> 5:30 PM	23 WELCA 4PM zoom	24 Christmas Eve Services 5pm Mary Frances and 8pm Judie T	25
26 <i>Sunday Services North Beach</i> 8 AM Asst: <i>Judie T Sanctuary</i> Service 10:30AM Asst: <i>Ken</i>	27 Potluck Bonfire 4:45 PM North Beach	28	29	30	31	



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CLC WORSHIP

Beach Church—8 AM

Sanctuary Service—10:30 AM

N. Beach San Clemente, CA

CLC Sanctuary, 35522 Camino Capistrano

WORSHIP ONLINE, ANYTIME!

Services are posted to Youtube each Sunday or you can watch them live on Pastor Juli's Facebook at 8:00AM and 10:30AM

YouTube—<https://youtu.be/nhlQ38pcwTc> * **Pastor Juli Facebook** [facebook.com/juli.patten](https://www.facebook.com/juli.patten)

SHARING IS CARING!

The United Latin American Pentecostal Church share our space twice a week.

Friday @ 7 PM and Sunday @ 4 PM

BIBLE STUDY (Both Bible Studies will be on hiatus during the month of December)

WEDNESDAY

Advent Soup Suppers—Every Wednesday of Advent—5 PM

Join us every Wednesday at 5 PM for our Advent Soup Supper and Evening Prayer (our 'bible study' for Advent). Keep an eye out for our Tuesday emails to sign up to bring a dish.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) —Second & Fourth Thursday @ 4 PM

Join in via Zoom as we celebrate the fellowship of women of the Lutheran Faith.

Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/k9wmee7k> Meeting ID: 889 9427 4829 Passcode: 493975

COUNCIL CORNER

Council Meeting—December 20th @4:30PM in person and zoom

Annual Congregational Meeting -January 23rd—9:15 AM

Please note the following changes to services the day of the congregational meeting:

8:00 Beach Church

10:00 Brunch

No 10:30 Service

TWELVE STEP MEETINGS

Monday— 6 PM—Sanctuary— *Overeaters Anonymous-Big Book*

Thursday—7 PM - Sanctuary—*Joy of Sobriety*

Friday—8 AM - Sanctuary—*Women's Big Book Study*

GIVING BACK

Laundry Love—Third Wednesday—Laundry Basket South @ 2-5PM

We provide this ministry at 2015 S El Camino Real, from 2-5pm. If you would like to donate please 'feed' our Laundry Love Piggy Bank or our Shepherd's Fund on first Sundays.

Potluck Bonfire—Last Monday—@ 4:45 PM N. Beach

Join in the fellowship as we reach out to SCs at-risk community for a shared meal at N. Beach. If you would like to bring a dish please contact Louise Gilliam at flgilliam@cox.net.

ELCA Good Gifts—Both services—Advent Season

Please visit our "Giving Tree" during the advent season for opportunities make a difference this holiday season. Multiple donation increments and farm animals to choose from!

FAM ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Contact the office or talk to Pastor Juli if you are interested. Unwrapped gifts are due to FAM by 12/15.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Book Club—Fourth Wednesday —December 22 @ 6 PM (UPDATED TIME!)

Plan to join either in person at church or via Zoom for our traditional round-the-table read of "The Best/Worst Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. You'll laugh and be inspired in the end by the Herdmans, the worst kids in town. If joining us on Zoom, you will need a copy of the little book (\$5.99 on Amazon). Please bring a Christmas treat to share while we read! Merry Christmas and read on!

Mary's Feast Update

Traditionally, Mary's Feast is held on the first Wednesday of December, but the organizing committee made the hard decision to not hold the in-person event for the second year in a row. For those who've never attended, the Mary's Feast event is a baby shower for Mary and Jesus. Women from many local churches attend and bring baby items (diapers, wipes, onesies, outfits, small toys, blankets, etc.). Gifts are used to fill layettes given to 40-plus military moms-to-be at a baby shower hosted by SCMFO January 29th. Christ Lutheran is asking for baby donations closer to the event this year, in honor of Epiphany (Jan. 9)—the celebration of the Wise Men bringing gifts for baby Jesus. We will gladly accept items at Beach or at the church through Jan. 23. For more info, contact Judy Franz jafranz47@gmail.com.

South Coast Singers All is Well Christmas Concert

Choose from two dates! Dec. 17 @ 7PM at the Norman P. Murray Community Senior Center or Dec. 18 at 4 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$20 and kids under 10 are free! For more information and tickets visit www.southcoastsingers.org or 949.613.7840.

Red Cross Blood Drive at CLC—January 24—10AM-4PM

Make reservations now at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> search 92672 OR Louise G. will have a sign up sheet for anyone who wants to participate. Sign up NOW!

Blessing

The God of hope

fill us with all joy and peace in believing,

so that we may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. Amen

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God. AND WE WILL

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8AM Beach Church Facebook Live

1030AM Sanctuary Worship

CLC on the go!

Services posted Sunday

Facebook LIVE-STREAM @ 1030AM

Www.facebook.com/juli.patten

YouTube @ 3PM

<https://youtu.be/nhlQ38pcwTc>

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GIVING

THANK YOU for continuing to support our church.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875>

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to participate in the service please fill out the volunteer sign-up sheet or contact the church office for volunteer opportunities!

THANK YOU FOR WANTING TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF!

This Week's Assistants

Beach: Lynn H.

Sanctuary: Donna V.

Driver: Gerry L.

December Counters

Lois F. and Linda K.

Attendance

11/28/2021 58

12/5/2021 53

Offering for November \$10,440

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